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### “IS IT WORTH THE DRIVE?”

This question always brings a smile to the faces of rangers at the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station who know what’s awaiting visitors down the road—sheer cliffs, lofty domes, two of Yosemite’s most beautiful and least famous waterfalls, and large areas of little-used wilderness. Yet, few visitors know about Hetch Hetchy. And those who do assume that after the Tuolumne River was dammed earlier in the 20th century, everything beautiful about the Hetch Hetchy region disappeared.

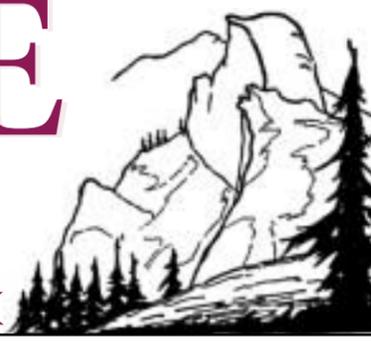
Discover for yourself the beauty and solitude of Yosemite’s quietest corner.

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John Muir called Hetch Hetchy "...a wonderfully exact counterpart of the Merced Yosemite...one of nature's rarest and most precious mountain temples." It's not surprising that Hetch Hetchy's scenery resembles that of Yosemite Valley as both Sierra Nevada valleys were originally eroded by major westward flowing rivers—with the Merced River carving Yosemite Valley and the Tuolumne River carving Hetch Hetchy Valley. Between 2 million and 10,000 years ago, glaciers scoured the pliable granite valleys into their present form with domes, waterfalls, and sheer cliffs.

### "HATCHATCHIE" HISTORY

Hetch Hetchy Valley's glacier-carved features dominate the scene, but the valley's name is derived from "Hatchatchie," the Native American word for a species of grass with edible seeds that once grew there. The valley's first inhabitants, the Ahwahneechee and Paiute tribes, came to Hetch Hetchy every year to gather acorns. The first white settlers to see the valley arrived in the 1840s. However, it wasn't until the turn of the century that anyone paid much heed to rarely-visited Hetch Hetchy.

### TAKE IN THE SCENERY

Today, the Hetch Hetchy area is perfect for visitors who want to enjoy spectacular scenery and outdoor recreation opportunities without the crowds. Like Yosemite Valley, Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is ringed with spectacular features, and most are easily seen from the walkway on top of the O'Shaughnessy Dam.

**Waterfalls** Tueeulala (pronounced TWEE-lala) and Wapama Falls both drop more than 1,000 feet from cliffs on the north side of the reservoir. It's easy to see and photograph the two together. Late spring is the best time to view them, since Tueeulala Falls dries up by early summer.

**Domes and Cliffs** Look for Hetch Hetchy Dome on the north side of the reservoir and conical Kolana Rock on the south side. Kolana Rock is particularly noteworthy to park wildlife specialists as it is an active breeding area for endangered Peregrine Falcons.

**O'Shaughnessy Dam** When 312-foot high O'Shaughnessy Dam was dedicated in 1923, it was the largest structure on the west coast. In spring and summer, water may pour over the spillway, creating an artificial waterfall.

### ENJOY PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE

Hetch Hetchy is as biologically diverse as it is beautiful. Dense forests, arid scrub regions, and wide outcroppings of granite can be found here. In spring and early summer, wildflowers are abundant on the trail from O'Shaughnessy Dam to Wapama Falls and at Smith, Cottonwood, and Beehive Meadows. Look for such flowers as shooting stars growing in moist meadows, waterfall buttercups in trickling canyon cascades, bright California fuschia, and Sierra leisiga.

Also, enjoy a variety of trees along the Wapama Falls trail such as California black oak, big leaf maple, Ponderosa pine, and incense-cedar. But be aware and avoid contact with the plentiful poison oak; with or without its three-lobed leaves it can cause an itchy rash.

It's not unusual to see wildlife from black bears and mule deer to squirrels and



A variety of showy lupine is common along Hetch Hetchy trails.



Tueeulala (left) and Wapama Falls (right) are just two of Hetch Hetchy's spectacular waterfalls.

California mountain kingsnakes. Fishing is permitted with a valid California fishing license, but live bait is not allowed in Hetch Hetchy Reservoir.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE

Trails originating from O'Shaughnessy Dam and Hetch Hetchy Road take visitors into the heart of Yosemite's backcountry. Wilderness destinations in the area are generally low in elevation, so these places are among the first open to backpackers in the spring. Better yet, these trails get much less use than those in more well-known areas of Yosemite, providing excellent opportunities for solitude.

**Day Hiking** Take advantage of the easy and scenic trail from the dam through the granite tunnel and on to Tueeulala and Wapama Falls. It's about 5 miles round-trip (8.5 km) and could take up to 4 hours. Another short trail leads from the Hetch Hetchy Entrance to Lookout Point, which provides a sweeping view of the northwest corner of the park. Beyond Wapama Falls, the trail to Rancheria Fall is an ambitious all-day hike of approximately 13 miles (21 km).

**Backpacking** The Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne, Laurel Lake, Lake Vernon, Jack Main Canyon, Poopenaut Valley, and Smith Peak are a few of the scenic destinations backpackers can choose from in the Hetch Hetchy region. Lake Eleanor and Kibbie Lake may also be reached from O'Shaughnessy Dam, but are more accessible from Stanislaus National Forest. Get a wilderness permit and go! But don't forget to bring a bear food storage canister, as bears are extremely active in the Hetch Hetchy area.

✦ *Padraic Durkin spent several summers as a National Park Service seasonal interpreter in the Hetch Hetchy area.*

### TIPS FOR VISITING HETCH HETCHY

- Bring your camera—Hetch Hetchy's scenery is memorable, and postcards, books, or souvenirs of the area are rare.
- Bring a picnic and a good wildflower book. *Wildflowers of Yosemite* by Lynn and Jim Wilson is an excellent source for identifying flowers along the trail. Facilities at the reservoir are limited to restrooms, a picnic area, and a pay telephone.
- Leave your swimsuits and boats behind. Swimming and boating are not allowed in Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, as it holds the drinking water for millions of people.
- For more information and directions to the Hetch Hetchy region, turn to Planning Your Visit on page 9. Also look up Hetch Hetchy on the wilderness web site at [www.nps.gov/yose/wilderness](http://www.nps.gov/yose/wilderness).



Kolana Rock (right) in Hetch Hetchy Valley, early 1900s.

In 1867, the city of San Francisco began searching for a dependable water source. So it was that the U.S. Geological Survey of 1899-1900 recommended Hetch Hetchy Valley as a potential reservoir site. Early engineers saw the advantages of a dam at Hetch Hetchy—at the head of the valley, a relatively small dam would hold a large body of consistently clean water. In fact, supporters of the project thought a reservoir would enhance the valley's scenic beauty. Others, most notably John Muir, did not share this view and were greatly opposed to the dam project. Muir likened the transformation of Hetch Hetchy Valley into a reservoir to the flooding of a cathedral.

Ultimately, the matter was decided in 1913 when Congress passed, and President Woodrow Wilson signed, the Raker Act, allowing construction of the O'Shaughnessy Dam (named for Michael O'Shaughnessy, San Francisco's city engineer and chief of the Hetch Hetchy construction project). The dam was built between 1915 and 1923 and was raised 80 feet from 1935 to 1938.

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# YOSEMITE NEWS

## On The Web

The official Yosemite National Park web site ([www.nps.gov/yose/](http://www.nps.gov/yose/)) contains the latest park information.

Camping reservations can be made online from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Pacific time ([reservations.nps.gov](http://reservations.nps.gov)).

The Yosemite Association's Yosemite Online ([yosemite.org](http://yosemite.org)) features visitor information, a bookstore, a listing of outdoor classes, membership news, the daily weather forecast, a live-camera view of Half Dome and Yosemite Valley, and even a 3-D QuickTime video of Yosemite Valley.

The Yosemite Fund web site ([www.yosemitfund.org](http://www.yosemitfund.org)) frequently has project updates with photographs online. It currently features photos of the restoration work at Glacier Point. Other features include "Wild Card," "Waterfalls," and "Tips For Travelers," along with current donation information.

The Yosemite Concession Services site ([www.yosemitepark.com](http://www.yosemitepark.com)) features 200 pages of information on lodging, shopping, dining, and park activities with links to other Yosemite-related web sites. It also includes a live-camera view of Half Dome, online gift shop and lodging reservations.

The Ansel Adams Gallery site ([www.anseladams.com](http://www.anseladams.com)) features fine art photography, gifts, calendar of events, and photos of Yosemite and Mono Lake.

The Yosemite Institute's web site ([www.yni.org/yi/](http://www.yni.org/yi/)) describes its residential, in-park field-science program for elementary, middle, and high school students, and post-visit challenge units.

*Yosemite.com* provides the latest information on an 11,000-square-mile area containing and surrounding Yosemite. Includes lodging information, travel advisories, and road and weather conditions.



## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Yosemite Friends:

Welcome to Yosemite. With each day that I spend in Yosemite, I am continually astounded by its beauty, its wonders, and its rich diversity of cultural and natural history. We can be grateful that over 100 years ago, early visitors to this place recognized that it was worth protecting for future generations. Today, the preservation of our nation's treasured resources for the enjoyment of future generations is at the heart of the National Park Service mission.

While you're here, I hope you will take some time to enjoy the spectacular sights and sounds of spring in the Yosemite. Take time to learn about the park as suggested in this *Yosemite Guide*. Remember too, as you thrill to the thundering

of Yosemite Falls in the rush of spring thaw, that it takes hundreds of square miles of the "unseen" Yosemite to produce the water. That part of the park, too, must be protected – not just what you see in the Valley. I urge you to learn more about Yosemite's "untold stories" while you're here and how you can help us.

Yosemite is the place where the spark of the National Park Service first took flame. If this visit is your first, welcome! If you've been here before, welcome back!

Sincerely,

David A. Mihalic

## ENJOY THE JOURNEY WITH YARTS

If you prefer to enjoy the Yosemite area's magnificent scenery rather than watch the road, YARTS transit service to and from the park could be the option for you. The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) provides round-trip transit service from communities within Mariposa, Merced, and Mono Counties to Yosemite National Park.

### Year-round:

■ From Merced east along Highway 140 to Yosemite Valley (*expanded summer service begins mid-May*).

### Summer only:

■ From Coulterville along Highway 132 to Highway 120 West into the park via the

Big Oak Flat Entrance (*begins weekends mid-May*).

■ From Mammoth Lakes and Lee Vining to Yosemite Valley on Highway 395 and 120 East via the June Lake Loop (*begins weekends in June; daily service in July and August*).

Fares for riding YARTS vary, but generally range between \$7 and \$15 round trip for an adult, including entrance to the park. YARTS also offers discounts for children and seniors.

For spring schedule information, check the YARTS web site at [www.yosemite.com/yarts](http://www.yosemite.com/yarts) or call toll free 877/98-YARTS (877/989-2787). For information on the Highway 120 East service (Mammoth Lakes to Yosemite Valley) please call 800/626-6684.



The Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River carves through the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne before reaching Hetch Hetchy.



## PARKS AS CLASSROOMS

Yosemite National Park is the ideal outdoor classroom for exploring natural and cultural history. Yosemite's *Parks As Classrooms* program coordinates with the California State Frameworks for upper elementary grades and offers ranger-led field trips. Each program lasts 1 to 2 hours. Park entrance fees are waived for the visit.

These programs emphasize the National Park Service message of protection and preservation of natural and cultural resources. Spring visits feature a bear information theme. Reservations can be made beginning February 1. Class size is limited to 35 students, although it may be possible to schedule 2 classes the same day.

**For further information regarding this and other National Park Service education programs, call at 209/372-0663, or visit the web site at [www.nps.gov/yose/teach.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/teach.htm).**

## TAKE A YOSEMITE LEARNING VACATION

Join one of the 51 outdoor educational vacation seminars presented by the nonprofit Yosemite Association and experience the thrill of seeing the park with an expert instructor. Programs are designed to be fun and informative, and include room reservations (at an extra cost) or free camping nearby. Seminar length is from two to five days and each one is described in the new 2001 Yosemite Field Seminars catalog, now available at all visitor centers.

Class topics include wildflowers, Yosemite's incredible geologic formations, Native Americans, mammals and birds, natural history day hikes, backpack trips, drawing, painting, nature writing, and family outdoor programs. Class sizes are small in order to offer excellent interaction between students and instructors. Most involve some hiking from a saunter, to an intermediate level hike, up to a strenuous ten- to twelve-mile days at high elevations. Many participants return year after year. **To receive a free seminar catalog call 209/379-2321 or write Yosemite Field Seminars, P.O. Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318 or visit any park visitor center. The catalog can also be viewed online at [www.yosemite.org](http://www.yosemite.org).**



Illustration by Jane Gyer

# NATURE NOTES



Illustration by Lawrence Ormsby

Peregrine Falcon

## YOSEMITE SPRING ALMANAC

### LATE APRIL

Conditions may be favorable for sequoia seed germination if seeds fall on bare, mineral soil. Nice time to hike down the trail to the Tuolumne Grove.

Male mosquitoes hatch into adults (males don't bite).

### EARLY MAY

Dogwood trees and western azalea bushes bloom in moist areas. The drive into the Valley along Southside Drive should be spectacular!

Monarch butterflies return, some after a 1,000-mile migration from Mexico. Female mosquitoes hatch. (Females bite!).

Striped coral root, a delicate saprophytic member of the orchid family, flowers in the forest. You can see these along the Old Big Oak Flat Road heading down to the Tuolumne Grove.

### MID-MAY

Showy red snow plants push their way up through the decaying humus of the forest floor. This is an unusual looking plant and may take you by surprise. But please don't touch—leave them for others to enjoy.

Peregrine falcon eggs hatch if eggshells are thick enough to withstand incubation period. Because of DDT concentrations in the birds, eggshell thinning commonly occurs.

Fertile stalks of horsetails sprout. They are visible in the fen near Happy Isles and at Valley View.

Brilliantly-colored Western Tanagers arrive in park.

Adult damselflies hatch and begin to eat mosquitoes. Large swarms of lady bird beetles ("lady bugs") emerge from hibernation.

### LATE MAY

Moist meadows are extremely fragile. Please stay on established trails and elevated boardwalks.

Yosemite waterfalls reach their thundering peak. A lesser-known "ephemeral" (a fall that lasts only as long as the snow-melt) is Horsetail Fall along the east buttress of El Capitan; its spray is swept up into the air where it disappears into sky. This is a remarkable place to see the alpenglow of sunset. Don't forget to bring a camera!

### EARLY JUNE

Showier wildflowers bloom: Sierra onion, lupine, Mariposa lily, penstemon, alum root, and lady slipper orchid.

Golden Eagles may be sighted soaring above Yosemite Valley cliffs.

Bracken fern is tall and abundant along meadow edges and throughout forests. The roots were a favorite material of Yosemite Indians for basket manufacture. You can see some of these amazingly intricate baskets at the Yosemite Museum in the Valley.

### EARLY APRIL

Red-Winged Blackbirds establish territories in Cook's Meadow. Listen for their glissade-like song!

Treefrog eggs hatch in ponds in meadows. Tadpoles are visible.

### MID-APRIL

Earliest wildflowers bloom in the Valley: rock cress, slender phlox, miner's lettuce, baby-blue eyes, mountain violet, gooseberry and redmaid.

Reptiles begin spring activity. Gilbert skinks, western fence lizards and garter snakes can be spotted in sunny locations.

Butterflies—mourning cloaks, tortoise-shells, and skippers—flit about meadow foliage.

April 21...John Muir's birthday (1838-1914)

April 22...Earth Day

## SPRING RUNOFF—SPECTACULAR, BUT DANGEROUS

The water level of rivers and streams depends on snow-melt, and during warm weather can increase quickly in both depth and speed. A placid stream early in the morning may be a raging torrent by late afternoon. High water is expected throughout spring runoff.

Don't underestimate the danger and power of moving water in all parts of Yosemite. Here are some guidelines for safe recreation and hiking:

- Stay back from stream and riverbanks and avoid "rock hopping." Rocks near the water's edge can be dangerously slippery.
- Supervise children closely when around ALL bodies of water.

- Hikers and backpackers: Any unbridged stream crossing can be extremely hazardous. Use common sense – it is better to cut your hike short to avoid an unsafe crossing than to continue and risk your life. If you choose to attempt a crossing using a natural bridge of rocks or logs, consider where you will land or be swept to if you fall. Unbuckling your pack's waist strap will allow you to shed your pack and avoid being pulled under by it's weight if you fall in. Avoid deep and/or swift water. Never cross above rapids or falls. Do not tie yourself into "safety ropes" as they can drown you.

- Melted snow-water is cold! Hypothermia can be a serious result of continuous cold water contact; don't venture into water until it warms up, later in the summer.
- Rafting and boating are prohibited during periods of high water (see article on page 4 for rafting regulations).

### SAFE DRINKING WATER

Giardiasis is an intestinal disease caused by *Giardia lamblia*, a protozoan. Associated symptoms include chronic diarrhea, abdominal cramps, bloating, fatigue, and loss of weight. Treatment by a physician is necessary to kill the organism.

*Giardia lamblia* is carried by humans as well as some domestic and wild animals, and may contaminate lakes and streams. Whenever possible, only tap water should be used for drinking. If using surface water or melted snow, treat by boiling for 5 minutes or by using a Giardia-rated water filter. If used properly, an iodine-based purifier is another alternative.

The National Park Service is working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Health Services to develop a program to ensure that the drinking water in Yosemite is protected. The program, one of the first in California, will be based on an assessment of potential threats to water sources.



### TICK-BORNE DISEASES

Be aware that ticks may exist in the park, and consult your doctor if you believe you've been bitten. If you are diagnosed with Lyme disease or relapsing fever, and you believe you got it in Yosemite, have your doctor contact the Park Sanitarian at 209/379-1033.



Photo by Kristina Björns

Wapama Falls

Log on and learn more about Hetch Hetchy:

- [www.sierraclub.org/chapters/ca/hetchhetchy/history.htm](http://www.sierraclub.org/chapters/ca/hetchhetchy/history.htm)
- [www.wpiweb.com/watersys/sfpuc/home.htm](http://www.wpiweb.com/watersys/sfpuc/home.htm)

## Fire Safety

**Each year campfires, cigarettes, and human carelessness cause unwanted fires in Yosemite. These fires can be prevented by following a few simple rules.**

### CAMPFIRES

Build small campfires using only established campfire rings. Be aware of conditions such as weather and items nearby that could accidentally catch fire. Never leave a fire unattended. Put out campfires by stirring with water a half hour before you leave the site, and remember to carefully feel charred material to make certain the fire is out.

See page 6 for campfire rules.



### PORTABLE CAMPING STOVES

Refuel stoves only when they are cold and in a well-ventilated area.



### CHARCOAL BRIQUETTES

Because charcoal uses oxygen rapidly, you should never use it in confined spaces, such as tents or vehicles. After use, dunk charcoal briquettes in water until cold. Check them carefully. Never empty hot or warm briquettes in trash dumpsters.



### CIGARETTES

Never smoke while walking or in an area with flammable materials.

Crush butts completely before throwing them into a garbage can. Never drop cigarettes on the ground or throw them out of a car window.



### FULL MOONS

- April 8
- May 7
- June 6

A lunar rainbow may be visible at the base of Lower Yosemite Fall.

# PARK RULES

## It's the Law

**There are federal laws and regulations that protect Yosemite, its wildlife, historic and prehistoric sites and structures, natural beauty, and park visitors. Protect your park by following these rules:**

Store your food properly, keeping it away from bears and other Yosemite animals (see page 5 for details).



Camping or sleeping in vehicles is permitted only in designated campsites and is prohibited along roadsides, in turnouts, or in parking lots.



Bicycles (including mountain bikes), in-line skates, scooters, and strollers must remain on paved roads and designated paved bike paths. They are not allowed on hiking trails or anywhere off-pavement (see bike rules on page 9).



Motor vehicles must stay on established roads open to public travel, and are not permitted off-road.



Pets frighten wildlife and disturb hikers. They must be leashed at all times and are not permitted on any park trails, with the exception of paved trails on the floor of Yosemite Valley.



Firearms and hunting are prohibited in Yosemite National Park. Report possible hunting violations to the park's tip line, 209/372-0214, or to the Department of Fish and Game's tip line, 888/DFG-CALTIP, 24 hours a day.



Do not remove any objects from the park, including pine cones, rocks, leaves, obsidian, historic items, etc. If you find an object that may be prehistoric or historic, do not move it. Note its location and inform a ranger. If you must collect something, please pick up litter!



The use of metal detectors in the park is illegal. Please report possible violations to a park ranger.



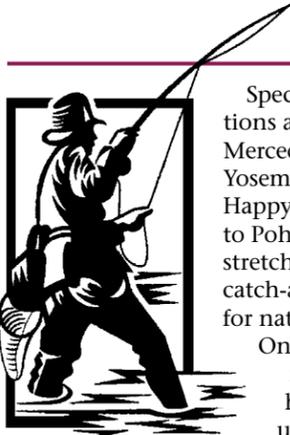
All public buildings are designated as non-smoking.



Photo by Howard Weimer

At 3,700 feet in elevation, Hetch Hetchy is often in the throes of spring while other areas of the park remain deep in winter.

## FISHING REGULATIONS



Special fishing regulations apply on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley from Happy Isles down-stream to Pohono Bridge. In this stretch of the river, it is catch-and-release only for native rainbow trout.

Only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used, and bait fishing is prohibited.

Brown trout limits are five fish per day and ten in possession. It is the responsibility of

the angler to identify fish species.

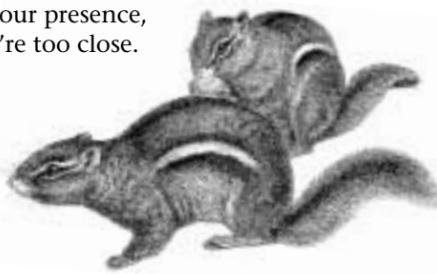
Trout season begins on the last Saturday in April and continues through November 15. The only exception is Frog Creek near Lake Eleanor, where fishing season opens June 15 in order to protect spawning rainbow trout. All lakes and reservoirs are open to fishing year-round.

A valid California sport fishing license must be displayed by all persons 16 years of age and older who are fishing in Yosemite National Park. Licenses must be plainly visible, attached to outer clothing at or above the waistline. For more information about licenses and fishing, inquire at visitor centers.

## HELP KEEP WILDLIFE WILD

Did you know that feeding or closely approaching any park wildlife is prohibited by federal law? Your food is a threat to the survival of park animals. It can damage their health, make them vulnerable to death from cars, or lead to dangerous behavior. Treat your food as if it were poison to animals, because the result is often the same. Even though animals may look tame—especially when searching for a hand-out—they are capable of inflicting serious injury, and in extreme cases,

causing death. Never attempt to touch or closely approach any park wildlife. Instead, view them through binoculars or telephoto lenses. If an animal is aware of your presence, you're too close.



## RAFTING REGULATIONS

Rafting regulations have been implemented to protect river habitat and provide for visitor safety.

Rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley is open to any type of non-motorized vessel or other flotation device between Stoneman Bridge and Sentinel Beach from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. In addition, the South Fork of the Merced River in Wawona is open for rafting from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily between Swinging Bridge and Wawona Campground.

Each occupant of vessels or flotation devices on park rivers must have in their possession, and readily available, an appropriately sized U.S. Coast Guard approved life vest.

In order to protect the river's banks, rafters are encouraged to get out only on sand or gravel bars, and swimmers should use sandy beaches to enter and exit the water. Rafters must be aware that fallen trees may exist in

the river. This natural debris can create hazardous conditions to river users, so extreme caution should be used.

The entire length of the Merced River within Yosemite Valley will be closed to all flotation devices during periods of high water or whenever the river gauge at Sentinel Bridge reads 6.5 feet or higher.

These rafting regulations may be subject to change.

## DRIVE SAFELY

In 2000, there were 338 motor vehicle accidents in Yosemite National Park. Twelve bears were hit by vehicles. Slow down and follow these driving tips to avoid accidents:

- Be watchful for rocks in the roadway, wildlife crossing, or other unexpected situations. Bicyclists and pedestrians sometime share the roadway.
- California law requires that all vehicle occupants wear seat belts, and children 4 years of age (or under 40 lbs.) be restrained in an approved child safety seat.
- The sights are spectacular, but do not stop in the roadway. Find a safe turnout if you wish to take a photo, consult a map, or enjoy park scenery or wildlife.
- In early spring, road conditions may change suddenly. Wet asphalt may be slippery or icy, especially in shady spots or on bridges. Keep speed down and allow extra distance for the vehicle in front of you.
- Water from melted roadside snow often freezes on road surfaces, creating treacherous "black ice." This can occur even when the weather appears dry and fair.
- Anticipate snowplows as they may be working just around the next curve. Wait for a signal from the plow driver before passing.
- Don't drink and drive. It's a fatal combination.

## WILL I NEED TIRE CHAINS?

It is recommended that you carry tire chains in your vehicle (including rental cars) between November and April, as a sudden storm could make them mandatory at any time. Due to changing weather conditions, any vehicle entering a chain control area must carry chains under park regulations, even if their use is not mandatory at the time. Chains should be obtained in advance; several towns on highways leading into Yosemite rent them. Vehicles over 6,000 lbs. are required to use link-type chains, and on sets of dual tires, only one tire needs chains. Once in the park, tire chains are available at retail outlets for purchase, but not for rent.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT...

- Fire safety guidelines, see page 3.
- Food storage guidelines, see page 5.
- Camping and campfires, see page 6.
- Wilderness regulations, see page 7.
- Bicycling rules, see page 9.



# BEARS

## BEARS ARE NOT TO BLAME: STORE FOOD PROPERLY

Each year black bears are killed in Yosemite National Park as a direct result of human carelessness and improper food storage. Some call it a "bear problem," but bears are not to blame.

Driven by their powerful sense of smell, black bears are drawn to human food. Once they get it, they continue to seek it out—from backpacks, picnic tables, ice chests, and even cars. As their natural fear of people fades, they may become aggressive. When bears become too aggressive, they often have to be killed. In 2000, there were 654 incidents involving bears, resulting in over \$126,000 in damage. Five bears had to be killed. The only way to stop this devastating cycle is to make sure that all food and trash are stored properly.

### NO FOOD IN CARS!

In 2000, over 306 cars were damaged by bears in the park, and most of these incidents were caused by improper food storage. If your car will be parked in Yosemite after dark, **it must not contain any food or related items.**

- Bears have damaged cars for as little as a stick of gum or an empty soda can, so thoroughly search your car and remove all potential bear attractants. Bears can easily smell any food in a car, even when it's stored in the vehicle's trunk!
- Bears recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food-related containers. Such items, even when empty, have residual odors. Remove them from vehicles and store them securely. Also remove drinks, garbage, and scented articles such as soap, sunscreen, and toothpaste from vehicles. Don't forget to check the glove compartment!
- Clear your car's interior of clutter. This will reduce the chances of a bear mistaking an article for food, and increase the chances that you will find any stray french fries or other overlooked food. Child car seats should be removed from vehicles since they often have residual food smells.
- Remove all trash and place it in animal-resistant trash cans or dumpsters.

### CAMPGROUNDS

- Federal regulations require that **all food and related supplies be stored and secured at all times in the metal "bear boxes" in each campsite** (except when food is being prepared and eaten). Each box measures 38"x48"x22". No food storage is allowed in vehicles.
- **Keep bear boxes latched and secured with their clips at all times.** Bears enter campsites during the day, even when people are present.
- Dispose of garbage frequently in animal-resistant dumpsters and cans. Don't leave any garbage in your campsite, especially at night.

### LODGING

- Remove all food and food-related items from vehicles. Guests staying in hard-sided cabins must store such supplies indoors.
- Guests staying in canvas tent-cabins must store food and related items in lockers (ask at front desk for locker locations).
- Clean out trash, empty food containers, and scented articles from vehicles before leaving them parked overnight.

### PICNIC AREAS

Stay close to your food and put it away as soon as you are finished eating. Bears may enter picnic areas, even when people are present, so be prepared to scare them away.

### TRAILHEADS

No food or food-related supplies should be left in vehicles parked overnight at trailheads. There are food storage boxes for backpackers at all major trailheads in the park. Ask for locations when acquiring a wilderness permit.

### WILDERNESS

The National Park Service strongly encourages backpackers to carry and use bear-resistant food storage canisters. These portable containers are the most effective



Illustration by Lawrence Ormsby

way for backpackers to store food in wilderness areas. Backpackers staying in designated backpacker camps adjacent to High Sierra Camps or in Little Yosemite Valley are required to use metal food storage lockers provided or portable canisters. All garbage and food items must be stored in a food locker or canister. The counter-balance technique (either from a cable or a tree branch) **may not** be used where bear boxes exist. Bear resistant canisters are required at 9,600 feet elevation and above. Plan ahead—All food, garbage, and toiletries must be contained within canisters. (See article below for rental locations and canister details.)

### SAFETY

Never approach a bear, regardless of its size. If you encounter a bear, act immediately: throw small stones or sticks toward the bear from a safe distance. Yell, clap hands, bang pots together. If there is more than one person, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear. Use caution if you see cubs, as a mother may act aggressively to defend them.

When done immediately, these actions have been successful in scaring bears away. Never try to retrieve anything once a bear has it. Report all bear incidents to a park ranger (see hotline number below).

### SAVE-A-BEAR HOTLINE

To report trash problems, improper food storage, bear sightings, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0200 (press 2, then 4). Your call can be made anonymously.

### DONATE A CANISTER & SAVE A BEAR

Make a donation to the Yosemite Association's "Save a Bear" campaign and help eliminate food-related human/bear conflicts in the wilderness. Donations will be used to purchase bear-resistant food storage canisters for use in the distribution program described in the adjacent article. The program makes canisters easily available and encourages their use.

**Help save a bear by donating a bear can! Call the Yosemite Association at 209/379-2646 for more information.**



NPS Photo by Mike Floyd

## Mountain Lions

**Mountain lions are a normal and very important part of the park ecosystem, helping to keep deer populations in check. They are attracted to areas with healthy deer populations, which includes many areas of the park. Although lion attacks are extremely rare, they are possible, as is injury from any wild animal. We offer the following recommendations for your safety:**

Do not leave pets or pet food outside and unattended, especially at dawn and dusk. Pets can attract mountain lions into developed areas.

Avoid hiking alone. Watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind on the trail. Talk to children about lions, and teach them what to do if they meet one.

### What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?

Never approach one, especially if it is feeding or with kittens. Most mountain lions will try to avoid a confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.

Don't run. Stay calm. Hold your ground, or back away slowly. Face the lion and stand upright. Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms. If you have small children with you, pick them up.

If the lion behaves aggressively, wave your arms, shout, and throw objects at it. The goal is to convince it that you are not prey and may be dangerous yourself. If attacked, fight back!

**Generally, mountain lions are calm, quiet, and elusive. Sightings are rare, so if you spot one, consider yourself privileged!**

NOTE: These regulations and precautions help decrease the chance of personal injury or property damage. However, bear damage and confrontations are still possible, even when all the guidelines are followed. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in a citation and/or impoundment of property.

## USE BEAR-RESISTANT FOOD CANISTERS

In an effort to decrease incidents between bears and people, and to keep bears wild, the National Park Service strongly encourages backpackers to use bear-resistant food canisters. These containers are the only effective way for backpackers to store food in the wilderness. All other techniques are considered delaying tactics only, as bears are largely able to undo most well-known food storage methods. Each plastic canister weighs about 3 pounds, fits in a full-sized backpack, and is capable of holding 5 to 7 days supply of food for one person.

Canisters may be rented for a flat fee of \$3 per trip plus a refundable security deposit. They may also be purchased for approximately \$75. They are available at the following locations: Year-round at the Yosemite Valley Sports Shop, Mountain Shop at Curry Village, Crane Flat Store, and Wawona Store. Seasonally at Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center, Wawona Information Station, Big Oak Flat Permit/Information Station, Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station, Tuolumne Meadows Mountaineering School, and Tuolumne Meadows Store (see pages 14 and 15 for hours). Canisters can be picked up and

returned at any of the rental locations throughout the park. Increased availability of canisters park-wide and reduced rental fees are due to a cooperative agreement between the Yosemite Association and Yosemite Concession Services Corp.

# CAMPING

## CAMPING RESERVATIONS

Reservations are required year-round for Yosemite Valley's auto campgrounds and summer through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and half of Tuolumne Meadows. All other campgrounds (except group and stock campgrounds) are first-come, first-served.

Camping reservations will be available in blocks of one month at a time, up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month through the National Park Reservation System (NPRS).

Thus, for:

CAMPING ARRIVAL DATE	FIRST DAY TO MAKE RESERVATION
All dates thru 8/14/01	3/15/01
8/15/01 thru 9/14/01	4/15/01
9/15/01 thru 10/14/01	5/15/01
10/15/01 thru 11/14/01	6/15/01
11/15/01 thru 12/14/01	7/15/01
12/15/01 thru 1/14/02	8/15/01 etc.

From May through September, campsites are in heavy demand and prospective campers are encouraged to call NPRS as early as possible in the period.

Written requests should be made to NPRS so they are received no sooner than two weeks before the 15th of the month that the desired camping arrival date goes on sale. Written requests will not be processed until the 15th of the month (at the same time telephone requests are being taken). Include desired location, type of equipment you will be camping in (i.e., tent, RV, etc.), as well as method of payment. Online reservations can be accessed through [reservations.nps.gov](http://reservations.nps.gov) from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Pacific time.

## YOSEMITE VALLEY

Check-in/check-out time for Yosemite Valley campgrounds is 10:00 a.m. Campsites are assigned by NPRS at the time the reservation is made. Campers may request a specific campsite number if it is available at the time the reservation is made. All campsite assignments are final—you may not switch or change camp-

sites after you arrive in the park. Maximum length for recreational vehicles in Valley campgrounds is 40 feet.

Camp 4 (Sunnyside) Campground is a walk-in campground and is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis; these campsites are not wheelchair accessible. Sites are rented on a per-person basis, and six people will be placed in each campsite, regardless of the number of people in your party. Camp 4 (Sunnyside) often fills before 9:00 a.m. each day May through September.

There is a 30-day camping limit within Yosemite National Park in any calendar year; however, May 1-September 15, camping limit in Yosemite Valley is 7 days inclusive.

## OUTSIDE YOSEMITE VALLEY

Check-in/check-out time for campgrounds outside the Valley is noon. Maximum length for recreational vehicles is 35 feet.

There is a 30-day camping limit within Yosemite National Park in any calendar year; however, from May 1 to September 15, the camping limit outside the Valley is limited to a total of 14 days, except for Wawona, which is limited to seven days. Wawona and Hodgdon Meadow are open all year. Other campgrounds outside the Valley are open only during the summer months. See grid below for details.

## CAMPING IN AREAS SURROUNDING YOSEMITE

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) operates a variety of campgrounds on a seasonal basis near Yosemite in the Inyo, Sierra, and Stanislaus National Forests. Many of these campgrounds are operated on a first-come, first-served basis; however, some may be reserved. Unlike Yosemite, the national forests allow dispersed camping in some areas (outside of designated campgrounds). Campfire permits are required. For additional information, contact the local USFS district offices: Highway 120 West, Groveland Ranger Station (Stanislaus NF) 209/962-7825; Highway 140, Mariposa Ranger Station (Sierra NF) 209/966-

3638; Highway 120 East, Mono Lake Ranger Station (Inyo NF) 760/647-3044; Highway 41, Oakhurst Ranger Station (Sierra NF) 559/683-4636. For private campgrounds and lodging outside Yosemite, call the respective chamber of commerce or visitor bureau listed on page 8.

## GROUP CAMPGROUNDS

There are group campsites at Tuolumne Meadows, Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek Campgrounds. Reservations can be made through NPRS; 13 to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets are not permitted in group sites. Check-in/check-out time is noon.

## SERVICES

There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows. Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley; see page 15 for locations and hours of service. Bear-proof food storage lockers are available in all Yosemite campgrounds (they measure 45" w x 18" h x 34" d). See *Bears Are Not To Blame* on page 3 for food storage guidelines.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Camping/sleeping in vehicles is permitted only in designated campsites.
- Maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles per campsite.
- Pets are permitted only in specific campgrounds (check grid below). Pets must be on a leash at all times, are not allowed on any hiking trails, and may not be left unattended.
- Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Generators may be used sparingly between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Camp wastewater and sewage must be disposed of in designated utility drains.
- Electrical extension cords may not be connected to campground restroom outlets.

## CAMPFIRE RULES

- In order to improve air quality in Yosemite Valley May 1 through October 15, campfires are permitted only between 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- Firewood collection is prohibited in Yosemite Valley. This includes "dead and down" wood.
- Outside the Valley, wood may not be gathered at elevations above 9,600 feet or in sequoia groves.
- Cutting standing trees or attached limbs, alive or dead, is prohibited, as is the use of chainsaws.
- Please start campfires with newspaper. Do not burn pine needles or cones, as they create unnecessary smoke.
- Campfires are permitted only in established fire rings.
- See fire safety information on page 3.

Reservations may be made from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Pacific time.

**TOLL-FREE RESERVATIONS:**  
800/436-7275

**ONLINE RESERVATIONS:**  
[reservations.nps.gov](http://reservations.nps.gov)

You may reserve only one campsite at a time.

**INTERNATIONAL CALLERS:**  
301/722-1257

**TDD (TOLL-FREE):**  
888/530-9796

**MAIL-IN RESERVATIONS:**  
NPRS  
P.O. Box 1600  
Cumberland, MD 21502

Up to two campsites may be reserved at a time by mail or phone with Mastercard, Visa, Discover, personal check, or money order.

CAMPGROUND	ELEVATION	MILES FROM YOSEMITE VALLEY	# OF SITES/SPACES	DAILY FEE *	RV SPACE	TENT SPACE	TAP WATER	STREAM WATER (Boil)	FRESH TOILETS	PIT TOILETS	PICNIC TABLES	FIRE PITS OR GRILL	PETS ALLOWED	DUMP STATION	PARKING	SHOWERS NEARBY	LAUNDRY NEARBY	GROCERIES NEARBY	SWIMMING	FISHING	HORSEBACK RIDING	NOTES**
<b>IN YOSEMITE VALLEY</b>																						
<b>NORTH PINES</b>	4,000' 1,220 m	0	81	\$18/s	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Open April-September Reservations required
<b>UPPER PINES</b>	4,000' 1,220 m	0	238	\$18/s	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Open All Year Reservations required
<b>LOWER PINES</b>	4,000' 1,220 m	0	60	\$18/s	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Open March-October Reservations required
<b>CAMP 4 WALK-IN (Sunnyside)</b>	4,000' 1,220 m	0	35	\$5/p	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Open All Year/Walk-In First-come, first-served Limited parking
<b>OUTSIDE YOSEMITE VALLEY</b>																						
<b>WAWONA</b> Wawona Road (Highway 41) near Wawona	4,000' 1,220 m	27	93	\$18/s	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Open All Year Reservations required May-Sept. (\$18); First-come, first-served Oct.-April (\$12)
<b>BRIDALVEIL CREEK</b> Glacier Point Road	7,200' 2,194 m	25	110	\$12/s	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Open July-early Sept. First-come, first-served
<b>HODGDON MEADOW</b> Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy. 120 west near Big Oak Flat Entrance)	4,872' 1,484 m	25	105	\$18/s	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Open All Year Reservations required May-Sept. (\$18); First-come, first-served Oct.-April (\$12)
<b>CRANE FLAT</b> Big Oak Flat Rd. near the Tioga Road turnoff	6,191' 1,886 m	17	166	\$18/s	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Open June-September Reservations required
<b>TAMARACK FLAT</b> Tioga Road (Highway 120 east)	6,315' 1,924 m	23	52	\$8/s	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Open June-early Sept. Three-mile access road not suitable for large RVs or trail- ers. First-come, first-served
<b>WHITE WOLF</b> Tioga Road (Highway 120 east)	8,000' 2,437 m	31	74	\$12/s	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Open July-early Sept. First-come, first-served Not suitable for RVs over 27'
<b>YOSEMITE CREEK</b> Tioga Road (Highway 120 east)	7,659' 2,333 m	35	75	\$8/s	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Open July-early Sept. Five-mile access road not suit- able for RVs over 24' or trailers First-come, first-served
<b>PORCUPINE FLAT</b> Tioga Road (Highway 120 east)	8,100' 2,468 m	38	52	\$8/s	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Open July-early Sept. RV access front section only First-come, first-served
<b>TUOLUMNE MEADOWS</b> Tioga Road (Highway 120 east)	8,600' 2,620 m	55	304	\$18/s	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Open July through Sept. ½ advanced reservations, ½ same-day reservations 25 walk-in spaces available for backpackers/campers without vehicles

\* /s = per site  
/p = per person

\*\*Dates approximate

# HIKING & BACKPACKING



## SPRING IN THE WILDERNESS

Spring wilderness users will find lower elevations a little soggy with a new crop of wildflowers waiting for the warmth of the sun. Some trails will be open and clear, but hikers should remember that most of Yosemite's trails rise rapidly from spring thaw to deep snow cover into mid-July, and unexpected snowstorms can bring snow to lower elevations throughout the spring.

### PLAN CAREFULLY

- Use maps and guidebooks to plan your trip. Carry a "topo" map and compass, and know how to use them.
- Choose a route that allows plenty of time for rest, food storage, and campsite selection.
- Maximum group size is 15 people for on-trail and 8 people for off-trail travel.
- Leave an accurate itinerary with friends or family. Carry a signal mirror and whistle.

Don't go out alone unless you are very experienced.

- Check current weather and forecasts prior to your trip. Be prepared for sudden extreme changes in weather.
- Carry sufficient food and water, and be prepared for an emergency bivouac even when day hiking.
- Stay warm and dry. Know the symptoms and treatment methods for hypothermia. Carry emergency fire starting materials.
- Yosemite's wilderness is a wildlife preserve—Pets, weapons, bicycles, strollers, and motor vehicles are prohibited in wilderness areas.

### WILDERNESS PERMITS

Free wilderness permits are required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's wilderness. They are not required for day hikes. To avoid overcrowding and reduce impacts to wilderness areas, Yosemite limits the number of people who may begin overnight hikes from each trailhead each day. At least 40% of

each trailhead quota is available on a first-come, first-served basis the day of, or one day prior to, the beginning of your trip. Permit stations are located in Yosemite Valley, Wawona, Big Oak Flat, Hetch Hetchy, and Tuolumne Meadows. Call 209/372-0200 or go to the wilderness web site for open permit station locations and hours. Permits are also available by advance reservation.

### PROTECT YOSEMITE'S WILDERNESS

- Use gas stoves rather than wood fires.
- Store food, garbage and toiletries properly (see page 5).
- Camp in an existing, well-used campsite at least 100 feet from water, 4 miles from any populated area and 1 mile from any road.
- Bring a container to carry water to your camp from lakes or streams.
- Purify all drinking water (see page 3).
- Bury human waste (6" deep) and do all washing at least 100 feet from water and trail.
- Pack out all trash and toilet paper/sanitary products.

## Watch Your Step!

*In 2000, rangers in Yosemite worked on 147 search and rescue operations.*

Tripping and falling are common accidents on park walkways and trails, especially in slippery conditions.



At night, artificial lighting is kept to a minimum; always carry a flashlight.



Rock climbing and scrambling are the leading causes of injury and death for unprepared and inexperienced hikers. Routes are often more difficult than they appear, and even a short fall can cause serious injury or death. Before you scramble or climb on Yosemite's rocks or walls, provide yourself with proper equipment and training.



Swift currents and wet, slippery rocks can cause you to fall and be swept over a waterfall. Never swim or wade in streams above waterfalls or in swiftly moving water.



Any unbridged stream crossing may be hazardous. If a bridge is not nearby and you must cross, do so at a wide, shallow spot that is not above rapids or waterfalls.



Supervise children closely when around all bodies of water.



NPS Photo by James Shull

Some of Hetch Hetchy's major trails allow hikers to pass within the bracing spray of a waterfall.

### WILDERNESS PERMIT RESERVATIONS

Wilderness users who plan to enjoy Yosemite's beautiful high country during the peak season (May through September) are encouraged to make permit reservations.

Call 209/372-0200 for the latest information. Currently, reservations are available from 24 weeks to 2 days in advance of the trip start date, and can be made by writing to Wilderness Permits, P.O. Box 545, Yosemite, CA 95389, via the web (see address at right) or by calling 209/372-0740.

Include the following in your request: name, address, daytime phone, number of people in the party, method of travel (i.e., ski, snowshoe, foot, horse), number of stock (if applicable), start and end dates, entry and exit trailheads, and principal destination. Include alternate dates and/or trailheads.

A \$5 per person non-refundable processing fee is charged for all reservation requests. Payment by check or money order should be made to the Yosemite Association. Credit card payments are accepted with valid card number and expiration date.

**For wilderness information, call 209/372-0200 or go to [www.nps.gov/yose/wilderness](http://www.nps.gov/yose/wilderness)**

## YOSEMITE VALLEY DAY HIKES

DESTINATION / TRAIL	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY/ ELEVATION GAIN	APPROXIMATE HIKING TIME	NOTES
BRIDALVEIL FALL	Bridalveil Fall Parking Area	1/2 mile round trip (0.8 km)	Easy	20 minutes round trip	♿ with assistance
MIRROR LAKE	Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #18	1 mile to lake (1.6 km)	Easy	1/2 hour to lake	♿ Vehicle access available with placard
LOWER YOSEMITE FALL	Yosemite Falls Shuttle Stop #6	1/2 mile round trip (0.8 km)	Easy	20 minutes round trip	♿ with assistance
UPPER YOSEMITE FALL TRAIL COLUMBIA ROCK	Camp 4 (Sunnyside Campground) near Shuttle Stop #7	2 miles round trip (3.2 km)	Strenuous 1,000' (300 m) elevation gain	2 to 3 hours round trip	Check conditions at Visitor Center in winter
TOP OF YOSEMITE FALL	Same as above	7.2 miles round trip (11.6 km)	Very Strenuous 2,700' (810 m) elevation gain	6 to 8 hours round trip	Check conditions at Visitor Center in winter
MIST TRAIL OR JOHN MUIR TRAIL					
VERNAL FALL FOOTBRIDGE	Happy Isles/Shuttle Stop #17	1.4 miles round trip (2.0 km)	Moderate 400' (120 m) elevation gain	1 to 2 hours round trip	Check conditions at Visitor Center Winter route available
TOP OF VERNAL FALL	Same as above	3 miles round trip (4.8 km)	Strenuous 1,000' (300 m) elevation gain	2 to 4 hours round trip	Check conditions at Visitor Center Winter route available
TOP OF NEVADA FALL	Same as above	7 miles round trip (11.3 km)	Strenuous 1,900' (570 m) elevation gain	6 to 8 hours round trip	Check conditions at Visitor Center Winter route available
TOP OF HALF DOME	Same as above	17 miles round trip (27.4 km)	Extremely Strenuous 4,800' (1,463 m) elevation gain	10 to 12 hours round trip	Cables up from June to mid-October; otherwise cable route is closed
GLACIER POINT FOUR MILE TRAIL	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one way (7.6 km)	Very strenuous 3,200' (960 m) elevation gain	3 to 4 hours one way	Check conditions at Visitor Center Closed in winter
VALLEY FLOOR LOOP	Yosemite Falls Shuttle Stop #6	13 miles full loop (20.8 km) 6.5 miles half loop (10.4 km)	Moderate	5 to 7 hours full loop 2.5 to 3.5 hours half loop	Get full description from Visitor Center

## What is the best way to visit Yosemite?

Your experience in Yosemite depends on the time you have available and your interests. Many fine maps and books are sold in visitor centers and park stores to help plan your visit. Publications such as *Yosemite's Official Park Handbook*, published by the National Park Service, or *The Yosemite Road Guide* are available at visitor centers, gift shops, or by mail from the Yosemite Association Bookstore, P.O. Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318, 209/379-2648, fax 209/379-2486, or [www.yosemite.org](http://www.yosemite.org).

Remember that road and trail conditions and available services may change with the weather. **For current conditions and general information, call 209/372-0200.**

## TRANSPORTATION

### To and From Yosemite

THE YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (YARTS) offers park visitors an alternative to driving their car into Yosemite by providing transit service throughout the region. This new voluntary bus service provides scheduled round-trip transit service to Yosemite from the outlying communities. Expanded summer service begins mid-May. New daily service from Mammoth Lakes begins in July. For schedule and service information visit the YARTS web site at [www.yosemite.com/yarts](http://www.yosemite.com/yarts) or call toll free 877/98-YARTS (877/989-2787).

VIA, the Yosemite-Amtrak Connection/Gray Line, offers service from Merced Amtrak Station and Transpo Center to Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Yosemite Lodge. Deluxe coaches provide several round-trips daily between Merced and Yosemite. Wheelchair-lift equipped with advance notice. Schedules available at Yosemite Lodge tour desk, Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, or by calling VIA or visiting their web site. Tickets can be purchased from drivers. **209/384-1315 or in CA 800/369-PARK, or visit [www.via-adventures.com](http://www.via-adventures.com).**

### Within Yosemite

Free shuttle bus service is provided throughout the eastern portion of Yosemite Valley year-round. In summer, free shuttle buses run from **Wawona** to the **Mariposa Grove**, and from **Tioga Pass** to **Tenaya Lake**. Hikers' buses run daily to **Glacier Point** late spring through autumn and between **Tuolumne Meadows** and **Yosemite Valley** late June through Labor Day. Call 209/372-1240 for hikers' bus fee, schedule, and reservations, or stop by any tour desk.

## LODGING

Reservations for all overnight lodging in Yosemite can be made by calling 559/252-4848 or by writing to Central Reservations, Yosemite Concession Services, 5410 East Home, Fresno, CA 93727 or visit [www.yosemitepark.com](http://www.yosemitepark.com). Lodging in Yosemite Valley includes **Curry Village**, **Housekeeping Camp**, **Yosemite Lodge**, and **The Ahwahnee**. Lodging outside Yosemite Valley includes the **Wawona Hotel**, and in summer, **White Wolf Lodge** and **Tuolumne Meadows Lodge**. Rates range from \$36 per night for a basic tent cabin with nearby bathroom, to \$246.50 per night for a room at The Ahwahnee (rates are subject to change). Reservations are highly recommended and may be made up to one year and one day in advance.

## 1 YOSEMITE VALLEY

Yosemite Valley is world famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. It is open year round and may be reached via Highway 41 from Fresno, Highway 140 from Merced, Highway 120 from Manteca, and in late spring through late fall via the Tioga Road (Highway 120 East) from Lee Vining. Many activities and services are available in Yosemite Valley. Detailed information is available at the Valley Visitor Center in Yosemite Village. See the shuttle bus map on the back panel, and for scheduled Valley activities, see pages 10 and 11.

## 2 MARIPOSA GROVE AND WAWONA

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), 2 miles from the park's South Entrance Station. The road to the Mariposa Grove is closed in winter. Activities include hiking, ranger-led walks, and tram tours of the Grove (weather permitting) late spring through fall. Trail brochures printed in English, French, Japanese, and Spanish are available at the Grove trailhead. **To reduce traffic congestion and avoid parking delays, ride the free shuttle bus (spring through fall) from Wawona to the Grove.**

The Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite. Interpretive signs and a brochure provide a self-guiding tour of the Center year-round. See page 12 for activities and additional information about Wawona and the Mariposa Grove.

## 3 GLACIER POINT

Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and the Sierra Nevada, is located 30 miles (a 1-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley. The view from Glacier Point provides an opportunity to see the Valley from its rim. From Yosemite Valley, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41) 14 miles to the Chinquapin junction, then turn left onto the Glacier Point Road. The road ends at Glacier Point. The Glacier Point Road is generally open from late spring through late fall. In winter, the road is plowed only as far as the Badger Pass Ski Area, and then Glacier Point can be reached via skis or snowshoes only.

## ENTRANCE FEES

THE PARK IS OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, YEAR-ROUND.  
(fees subject to change)

TYPE	PRICE	NOTES
Vehicle	\$20	Valid for seven days.
Individual	\$10	In a bus, on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, or horse. Valid for seven days.
Yosemite Pass	\$40	Valid for one year in Yosemite.
National Parks Pass	\$50	Valid for 1 year in all national park areas.
Golden Age Pass (Lifetime)	\$10	For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.
Golden Access Pass (Lifetime)	Free	For blind or permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

## "WHAT HAPPENS TO MY ENTRANCE FEE DOLLARS?"

Thanks to the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program, a temporary program approved by Congress in 1995, 80% of your \$20 entrance fee remains in Yosemite to help fund projects that improve the park and your visit. Yosemite anticipates earning \$63 million by 2002 and completing projects by 2005.

### PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY INCLUDE:

- Repairing the deteriorated sewer line that services all of Yosemite Valley (6.4 miles completed, September 2000)
- Refurbishing the multi-purpose auditorium at the Valley Visitor Center (to be completed spring 2001)

### FUTURE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Replacing picnic tables, fire rings, and signs in campgrounds
- Refurbishing roads, trails, and utilities throughout the park
- Improving the shuttle bus service in Yosemite Valley



## INFORMATION OUTSIDE THE PARK

**West Highway 120**  
Highway 120 Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 1263  
Hotel Charlotte, Suite B  
Groveland, CA 95321  
800/449-9120 or 209/962-0429

**Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau**  
P.O. Box 4020  
542 Stockton Road  
Sonora, CA 95370  
800/446-1333 or 209/533-4420  
[www.thegreatunfenced.com](http://www.thegreatunfenced.com)

**Highway 41**  
Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau  
40637 Highway 41  
Oakhurst, CA 93644  
559/683-4636  
[www.sierranet.net/~ysvb](http://www.sierranet.net/~ysvb)

**Highway 132/49**  
Coulterville Visitor Center  
P.O. Box 333  
5007 Main Street  
Coulterville, CA 95311  
209/878-3074  
[mariposa.yosemite.net/visitor](http://mariposa.yosemite.net/visitor)

**Highway 140/49**  
Mariposa County Visitor Bureau  
(also info. for Fish Camp, Wawona, Yosemite West, and Buck Meadows)  
P.O. Box 967  
5158 Highway 140  
Mariposa, CA 95338  
800/208-2434 or 209/966-2456  
[www.homeofyosemite.com](http://www.homeofyosemite.com)

**East Highway 120**  
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center  
P.O. Box 130  
Highway 395 and 3rd Street  
Lee Vining, CA 93541  
760/647-6629  
[www.leevining.com](http://www.leevining.com)

**Yosemite Store and Visitor Center**  
5027 Highway 140  
Mariposa, CA 95338  
209/966-3888  
[www.yosemite.org](http://www.yosemite.org)

**California Welcome Center, Merced**  
710 W. 16th Street  
Merced, CA 95340  
800/446-5353 or 209/384-2791  
[www.yosemite-gateway.org](http://www.yosemite-gateway.org)





### 4 CRANE FLAT

Crane Flat is a pleasant forest and meadow area located 16 miles from Yosemite Valley at the junction of the Big Oak Flat Road and the Tioga Road. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area located on the Tioga Road (Highway 120 East), and walk one mile down to the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias. In winter, snowshoes or cross-country skis may be needed. For activities and area information, see page 12.

Or take a 4-mile round-trip hike or ski into the Merced Grove of Giant Sequoias, located 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat or 4.5 miles south of the Big Oak Flat entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trailhead is marked by a post labeled B-10 and a road sign.

### 5 TIOGA ROAD AND TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

The Tioga Road is generally open from late spring through late fall and offers a 39-mile scenic drive through forests and past meadows, lakes, and granite domes. The road's elevation ranges from 6,200 feet at Crane Flat to 9,900 feet at the Tioga Pass Entrance Station. There are many scenic and recreational opportunities in these areas. Check visitor centers and park bulletin boards for updated information on available services and activities. From late fall through late spring, this area is only accessible by cross-country skis or snowshoes.

### 6 HETCH HETCHY

Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water for the city of San Francisco, is also home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many less-used wilderness trails. Towering cliffs and high waterfalls are easily seen from the walkway on top of O'Shaughnessy Dam. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley via Highway 120 and Evergreen and Hetch Hetchy Roads. Vehicles over 25 feet are prohibited on the road due to its narrowness. See cover article for more information on the Hetch Hetchy area.

#### RECREATION

**Bicycling** More than 12 miles of paved bikeways wind through the eastern end of Yosemite Valley. Weather permitting, rental bikes, baby jogging strollers, and bicycle child trailers are available at Yosemite Lodge (all seasons) and Curry Village (summer). Check with rental agent for restrictions on rental bike use.

#### Bike Rules

**For your safety and to protect Yosemite National Park, please follow these rules:**

- California law mandates bicyclists under 18 years of age wear helmets.
- Bikes are allowed only on paved bikeways and park roads (unless the road is closed to bicycle use).
- Bikes are not allowed off roads or on pedestrian and hiking trails.
- Bicyclists must obey all posted traffic signs and travel with the flow of traffic when on roadways used by automobiles.

**Horseback Riding** Weather and trail conditions permitting, 2-hour and half-day rides depart from stables in Yosemite Valley, Tuolumne Meadows, and Wawona spring through fall. Closed in winter. Call 209/372-8348 for information.

**Hiking & Backpacking** Yosemite offers over 800 miles of hiking trails park-wide. For updated trail information, visit the Wilderness Center in Yosemite Valley (spring through fall); in winter, check at the Valley Visitor Center, or call 209/372-0200. Wilderness permits are required for overnight wilderness users. For wilderness permit information and reservations, call 209/372-0740 or go to [www.nps.gov/yose/wilderness](http://www.nps.gov/yose/wilderness). For some ideas on hiking, as well as information about backpacking, see page 7.

**Rock Climbing Classes** The Yosemite Mountaineering School and Guide Service offers beginner through advanced classes in Yosemite Valley spring through fall, and in Tuolumne Meadows in summer. Call 209/372-8344 for information.



## Get More Info...

- **Recorded General Park Information** including: Road & Weather Conditions, Trip Planning Information, etc. 209/372-0200
- **Western U.S. National Parks** 415/556-0560
- **On the Web** (see page 2)
  - Yosemite National Park [www.nps.gov/yose/](http://www.nps.gov/yose/)
  - Yosemite Concession Services [www.yosemitepark.com](http://www.yosemitepark.com)
  - Camping Reservations [reservations.nps.gov](http://reservations.nps.gov)
  - Regional Information [www.yosemite.com](http://www.yosemite.com)
  - Yosemite Association [yosemite.org](http://yosemite.org)
  - Yosemite Institute [www.yni.org/yi](http://www.yni.org/yi)
  - Yosemite Fund [www.yosemitedfund.org](http://www.yosemitedfund.org)
  - The Ansel Adams Gallery [www.anseladams.com](http://www.anseladams.com)
  - VIA/Gray Line [www.via-adventures.com](http://www.via-adventures.com)

## RESERVATIONS

- **Lodging Reservations** 559/252-4848 TDD 559/255-8345
- **Campground Reservations** (callers from U.S. and Canada) 800/436-7275 TDD 888/530-9796
- **Campground Reservations** (International callers only) 301/722-1257

## AVERAGE PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES IN YOSEMITE VALLEY (4,000 FT/1,220 M)\*

MONTH	PRECIPITATION (inches/cm)	MAXIMUM (F°/C°)	MINIMUM (F°/C°)
January	6.2/15.7	49/9	26/-3
February	6.1/15.5	55/13	28/-2
March	5.2/13.2	59/15	31/-0.5
April	3.0/7.6	65/18	35/2
May	1.3/3.3	73/23	42/5.5
June	0.7/1.8	82/28	48/9
July	0.4/1.0	90/32	54/12
August	0.3/0.8	90/32	53/11.5
September	0.9/2.3	87/30.5	47/8
October	2.1/5.3	74/23	39/4
November	5.5/14	58/14	31/-0.5
December	5.6/14.2	48/9	26/-3
<b>Annual</b>	<b>37.3/94.7</b>		

\*For temperatures at 8,000 feet (2,440 m), subtract 10-20 degrees.

## VISITOR CENTERS

The four visitor centers in Yosemite National Park are excellent resources for park information, wilderness permits, and park-related publications and handouts.

### YOSEMITE VALLEY VISITOR CENTER

Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through May 31; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning June 1. See page 10 for more information.

### BIG OAK FLAT INFORMATION STATION

March 23 to April 14, open Thursday through Monday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch); open daily beginning April 15. See page 12 for more information.

### WAWONA INFORMATION STATION

Open for the season May 12, daily 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). See page 12 for more information.

### TUOLUMNE MEADOWS VISITOR CENTER

After the Tioga Road opens for the season in late May or early June, open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## VISITOR ACTIVITIES

### PROGRAMS AND EXHIBITS

Naturalist-guided walks and programs as well as self-guided walks are available. Cultural history demonstrations of basket-weaving, beadwork, or traditional games are offered at the Indian Cultural Exhibit in Yosemite Valley. Other exhibits are in the Valley Visitor Center, Yosemite Museum, Nature Center at Happy Isles (summer), LeConte Memorial Lodge (summer), Wilderness Center, and The Ansel Adams Gallery. Check park visitor centers and bulletin boards for additional information, and see activities listed on pages 10-12.

### TOURS

For a relaxing and informative experience, take a sightseeing tour on a bus or open-air tram (weather permitting). These tours, narrated by informed guides, operate daily to most points of interest in the park, including Yosemite Valley (year-round), Tuolumne Meadows (summer), Glacier Point, Wawona, and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias (spring through fall). Two-hour moonlight tours show Yosemite in a different light during summer months. In winter, tours are conducted on heated and enclosed motor coaches; stops are made at the best-known scenic locations in Yosemite Valley. There is a fee for all sightseeing tours. For reservations and more information, call 209/372-1240 or stop by any hotel tour desk.



Nanette Oswald, Yosemite's Deaf Services Coordinator, interprets ranger-led activities and provides park information for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors June through August. In spring, a sign language interpreter may be available upon request, particularly if arrangements are made in advance. **For more information about the Deaf Services Program, come to the Valley Visitor Center information desk, or call 209/372-4726 (TDD) or 209/372-0296 (voice/TDD). The TDD number for lodging reservations is 559/255-8345; for camping reservations, call 888/530-9796.**

# ACTIVITIES

## YOSEMITE VALLEY

### VALLEY VISITOR CENTER

Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through May 31; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning June 1. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle bus stops #5 and #9). Information, maps, wilderness permits (until April), books, exhibits, and a multilingual *One Day in Yosemite* program. ♿

### YOSEMITE MUSEUM

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Visitor Center. ♿

#### INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite's native Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of basket-weaving, beadwork, and/or traditional games are presented. Check the Visitor Center for a schedule of Indian Cultural Demonstrations if the museum building is closed.

### THE ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through April 8; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning April 9. Located in Yosemite Village next to the Visitor Center. The Gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other fine artists. In addition, a wide selection of handcrafts, books, gifts, and photography supplies are offered. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit their web site at [www.anseladams.com](http://www.anseladams.com). ♿

#### SPECIAL EXHIBITS

Through April 17: Spring Florachromes by photographer Carol Henry and introduction of her work in the new Best Studio Collection, fine photographic prints.

April 18 to June 3: The photographs of master photographic printer, Charles Cramer. This exhibit will introduce a new collection of dye transfer prints, photographs that are exactly handcrafted in the darkroom.

June 4 to July 16: Summer Group Show featuring a collection of beautiful photographs of Yosemite Valley and the high country from various contemporary photographers.

### SELF-GUIDING TRAILS

There are four self-guiding trails in Yosemite Valley: two near the Visitor Center in the Yosemite Village area, one at the east end of the Valley near Mirror Lake, and one in Curry Village.

*The Miwok in Yosemite* is a short loop trail that winds through the Indian Village of Ahwahnee, a reconstructed Miwok-Paiute village. A booklet is available at the trailhead and in the Visitor Center. Large print materials are available in the Visitor Center for the visually impaired. The trail begins behind the Yosemite Museum. ♿

*Changing Yosemite* is a 1-mile trail that begins in front of the Visitor Center, near shuttle bus stop #9. It winds through a nearby meadow and explores the changes that have led to the Yosemite we experience today. A booklet is available at the trailhead, and large print materials are available for the visually impaired at the Visitor Center. ♿

*Mirror Lake Interpretive Trail* is a short loop adjacent to Mirror Lake, a seasonal lake on Tenaya Creek. Exhibits focus on the rich natural history of the area, Native American use, and history of this popular destination. To reach the start of the trail, walk 1 mile from shuttle bus stop #18 to the disabled parking spaces near the lake. The self-guiding trail begins here. ♿

*Legacy of Curry Village* is an easy stroll commemorating the early days of Camp Curry. Pick up a map and guide at the Curry Village front desk or tour desk.

### LECONTE MEMORIAL LODGE

Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (beginning May 2). Located at shuttle stop #13. The LeConte Memorial Lodge, Yosemite's first public visitor center, is operated by the Sierra Club and features a children's corner, library, and a variety of environmental education and evening programs. For more information on programs, see activities scheduled below, bulletin boards at the LeConte Memorial, campgrounds, Valley Visitor Center, and post office. You may also call 209/372-4542.

### INDIAN VILLAGE OF AHWAHNEE

Located behind the Yosemite Museum and open during daylight hours. There is sometimes the opportunity to join Indian Cultural Program staff for demonstrations or programs about Ahwahneechee skills and culture. ♿

### WILDERNESS CENTER

Beginning April 13, open Friday, Saturday, Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; opens daily beginning May 18. Wilderness users should self-register for permits on the porch of the Wilderness Center when closed. Located in Yosemite Village between The Ansel Adams Gallery and the post office. One-stop resource for backpackers in need of wilderness permits, maps, bear canisters, and guidebooks. Displays provide information on pre-trip planning, minimum impact camping techniques, and wilderness preservation issues. ♿

### NATURE CENTER AT HAPPY ISLES

Open daily (beginning May 18) 10:00 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This family-oriented nature center includes wildlife dioramas, tracking tips, interactive exhibits, and four different environments: forest, river, talus, and fen. You can also see substantial evidence of the huge 1996 rockfall from the Glacier Point cliff far above the Nature Center. The Center is a short walk from shuttle bus stop #17. ♿

### YOSEMITE CEMETERY

This historic cemetery is located across the street and just west of the Yosemite Museum. Galen Clark is buried here, along with other pioneer park visitors, Native Americans, and people who played important roles in the development of what is now Yosemite National Park. A *Guide to the Yosemite Cemetery* is available at the Valley Visitor Center.



This symbol indicates programs and facilities suitable for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

## WALKS AND TALKS

Join a ranger or naturalist for an easy walk to explore Yosemite's natural and cultural history. Programs are often offered twice daily. Topics may include geology, ecology, wildlife, waterfalls, human history, and current park management issues. Additional ranger walks may be offered when staffing allows. Check fliers at lodging desks and the Visitor Center for additional programs and detailed descriptions.

Professional photographers from Yosemite Concession Services and The Ansel Adams Gallery lead camera walks and photo classes. Check below for details and advance sign up requirements.



## JUST FOR KIDS

Kids love the challenge of a scavenger hunt! Stop by the Curry Village front desk or tour desk to take part in a children's Curry Scavenger Hunt. Pick up a handout and upon completion, return it for a commemorative button.

Hey kids ages 7-12! Send your parents out for the evening and enjoy your own "Kid's Night Out!" The fun includes dinner, crafts, stories, and games from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday nights (through April 14) at Curry Village or Yosemite Lodge. Sign up at any tour desk. \$12.50/child and \$10 for each additional child; cost includes dinner and supplies. Parents must pick up their children at 8:00 p.m.

Become a Junior Ranger...This program is described on page 11.

## EVENING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Evening programs include talks, films, slide presentations, storytelling, and music about Yosemite's human and/or natural heritage. Offered by National Park Service rangers, or staff from Yosemite Concession Services, the Sierra Club, Yosemite Institute, and The Ansel Adams Gallery, these programs last one hour and are held outdoors (unless otherwise noted), weather permitting.



For the weeks of June 3-18, see local bulletin boards for posted activities.

AAG = Ansel Adams Gallery  
NPS = National Park Service  
YCS = Yosemite Concession Services  
YI = Yosemite Institute  
\$ = Program offered for a fee

### MONDAY

8:30 a.m.  
Camera Walk, 2 hours, sign up/meet at Ahwahnee front desk (YCS)

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk—Untold Stories, 1 to 1½ hours  
Front of Visitor Center ♿

1:00 p.m.  
Ranger Walk—Bears: Yogi and other Boo Boos, 1 to 1½ hours  
Curry Village Amphitheater ♿

4:30 p.m.  
Historic Ahwahnee Tour (begins April 9; except June 11 & 18), 1 hour  
Sign up at the Ahwahnee concierge desk (YCS) ♿

7:30 p.m.

Old-fashioned Campfire and Sing-along with the Recycled String Band (Begins June 4), 1½ hours, location is near Curry Village  
Tickets/information at any lodge tour desk (\$) (YCS)

8:00 p.m.

Fireside Storytelling (ends April 2), 1 hour  
Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (YCS) ♿

8:30 p.m.

Evening Program, 1 hour  
Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater/Cliff Room (YCS) ♿

Evening Program (begins May 14), 1 hour  
Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS/YI) ♿

### TUESDAY

8:30 a.m.  
Camera Walk, 2 hours, sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge front desk (YCS)

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk—It's All About Habitat (except April 10 & May 8)  
1 to 1½ hours, shuttle bus stop #12

2:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People (except April 10 & May 8)  
1 to 1½ hours, behind Visitor Center ♿

4:30 p.m.  
Historic Ahwahnee Tour (through April 3), 1 hour  
Sign up at the Ahwahnee concierge desk (YCS) ♿

5:30 p.m.  
Spring Twilight Stroll (begins April 10), 1 hour  
Ahwahnee outdoor patio (YCS)

8:30 p.m.

Evening Program, 1 hour  
Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater/Cliff Room (NPS/YCS) ♿

Evening Program (begins May 15), 1 hour  
Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS/YI) ♿

### WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m.  
Photo Walk, 2 hours, sign up in advance  
Meet on Ansel Adams Gallery porch, limited to 15, weather permitting (AAG)

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy, 1 to 1½ hours, front of Visitor Center ♿

1:00 p.m.  
History Walk (June 6 only), 1½ hours, LeConte Memorial Lodge  
Shuttle bus stop #13 (Sierra Club)

2:00 p.m.  
How do you catch a fish in Yosemite? (begins April 18), 1½ hours  
Front of the Village Sport Shop, near shuttle bus stop #2 (YCS)

7:30 p.m.

Old-fashioned Campfire & Sing-along with S'mores (Begins May 23; except June 13), 1½ hours, location is near Curry Village  
Sign up/information at any lodge tour desk (YCS) (\$) ♿

8:30 p.m.

Evening Program, 1 hour  
Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater/Cliff Room (YCS) ♿

Evening Program (begins May 16), 1 hour  
Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS/YI) ♿

## FREE ART CLASSES

Free, informal outdoor classes in various art mediums are available for adults through the Art Activity Center, located at the east end of Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Supplies are available for purchase at the Center, which is open 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Classes begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m.

April 16 – 22	Jim Kingwell	Watercolor
April 23 – 29	Sunee Jines	Watercolor
April 30 – May 6	Robert Chapla	Acrylic
May 7 – 13	Linda Patterson	Watercolor
May 14 – 20	Sonja Hamilton	Watercolor
May 21 – 27	Jane Gyer	Watercolor
May 28 – June 3	Roger Folk	Watercolor
June 4 – 10	Richard Keyes	Acrylic
June 11 – 17	Penny Otwell	Water Media
June 18 – 24	Tom Fong	Watercolor



Artist Chris Jorgensen maintained a studio in Yosemite Valley between 1899-1918.

Illustration by Lawrence Ormsby

# ACTIVITIES

## YOSEMITE VALLEY

### THURSDAY

- 10:00 a.m.**  
Ranger Walk—River of Mercy (except April 19), 1 to 1½ hours  
Shuttle bus stop #5
- 1:00 p.m.**  
History Walk (June 7 only), 1½ hours, LeConte Memorial Lodge  
Shuttle bus stop #13 (Sierra Club)
- 4:30 p.m.**  
Historic Ahwahnee Tour (ends April 5), 1 hour  
Sign up at the Ahwahnee concierge desk (YCS) ☞
- 5:30 p.m.**  
Spring Twilight Stroll (begins April 12), 1 hour  
Ahwahnee outdoor patio (YCS)
- 8:30 p.m.**  
Evening Program, 1 hour  
Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater/Cliff Room (YCS) ☞  
Evening Program (begins May 17), 1 hour  
Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS/YI) ☞

### FRIDAY

- 9:00 a.m.**  
Photo Walk, 2 hours, sign up in advance  
Meet on Ansel Adams Gallery porch, limited to 15, weather permitting (AAG)
- 10:00 a.m.**  
Ranger Walk/Talk—Yosemite Inspirations, 1 to 1½ hours  
South Tunnel View parking lot (off the Wawona Road/Hwy 41)
- 2:30 p.m.**  
Ranger Walk—Industries of the Ahwahneechee, 1 to 1½ hours  
Behind Visitor Center ☞
- 6:30 p.m.**  
Full Moon Snowshoe Walk (April 6 only), 2 hours  
Badger Pass Lodge, tickets available at Yosemite Lodge tour desk  
No experience necessary (\$) (YCS)
- 7:30 p.m.**  
Yosemite Theater Presents: The Spirit of John Muir (April 6 & 13 only),  
Actor Lee Stetson portrays the passionate Yosemite advocate in a 1-hour  
performance. Tickets and location information available at the Yosemite  
Lodge tour desk. (\$) (YCS) ☞

- 8:00 p.m.**  
Evening Program (begins May 4), 1 hour, LeConte Memorial Lodge  
Shuttle bus stop #13 (Sierra Club)  
Earthy Tunes (May 25 only), 1 hour, LeConte Memorial Lodge  
Shuttle bus stop #13 (Sierra Club)
- 8:30 p.m.**  
Starry Skies Over Yosemite Valley (June 1 & 8 only), 1 hour  
Meets near Yosemite Lodge, sign up/details at any lodge tour desk (YCS) (\$) ☞  
Evening Program, 1 hour  
Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater/Cliff Room (YCS) ☞  
Evening Program (begins May 18), 1 hour  
Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) ☞

### SATURDAY

- 9:00 a.m.**  
Photo Walk, 2 hours, sign up in advance, meet on Ansel Adams Gallery porch  
Limited to 15, weather permitting (AAG)
- 10:00 a.m.**  
Ranger Walk—Spring in Yosemite (except April 21), 1 to 1½ hours  
Shuttle bus stop #15
- 1:00 p.m.**  
Ranger Walk/Talk—Everything You Wanted to Know About Bears But  
Were Afraid to Ask Them, 1 to 1½ hours, Curry Village Amphitheater ☞
- 2:00 p.m.**  
Ranger Walk—Ahwahneechee Stories and Games, 1 to 1½ hours  
Behind Visitor Center ☞
- 3:00 p.m.**  
Fine Print Viewing at The Ansel Adams Gallery, 1 hour  
Limited to 5 participants, sign up in advance at Gallery ☞
- 6:00 p.m.**  
Kid's Night Out (ends April 14), 2 hours, Curry or Yosemite Village  
Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk (\$) (YCS)
- 6:30 p.m.**  
Full Moon Snowshoe Walk (April 7 only), 2 hours  
Badger Pass Lodge, tickets available at Yosemite Lodge tour desk  
No experience necessary (\$) (YCS)

- 7:30 p.m.**  
Old-fashioned Campfire & Sing-along with the Recycled String Band  
(Begins May 19; except May 26), 1½ hours, location is near Curry Village  
Sign up/information at any lodge tour desk (\$) (YCS)
- Yosemite Theater Presents: The Spirit of John Muir (April 7 & 14 only),  
Actor Lee Stetson portrays the passionate Yosemite advocate in a 1-hour  
performance. Tickets and location information available at the Yosemite  
Lodge tour desk. (\$) (YCS) ☞
- 8:00 p.m.**  
Evening Program (April 28-June 9), 1 hour  
Lower Pines Amphitheater (NPS) ☞  
Evening Program (begins May 5), 1 hour, LeConte Memorial Lodge  
Shuttle bus stop #13 (Sierra Club)  
Earthy Tunes (May 26 only), 1 hour, LeConte Memorial Lodge  
Shuttle bus stop #13 (Sierra Club)
- 8:30 p.m.**  
Evening Program, 1 hour, Yosemite Lodge/Cliff Room (YCS) ☞

### SUNDAY

- 10:00 a.m.**  
Ranger Walk—Snowflakes to Waterfalls, 1 to 1½ hours  
Shuttle bus stop #6 ☞
- 1:00 p.m.**  
Ranger Walk/Talk—Scats and Tracks: Yosemite's Wildlife, 1 to 1½ hours  
Curry Village Amphitheater ☞
- 6:30 p.m.**  
Full Moon Snowshoe Walk (April 8 only), 2 hours  
Badger Pass Lodge, tickets available at Yosemite Lodge tour desk  
No experience necessary (\$) (YCS)
- 8:00 p.m.**  
Evening Program (begins May 6), 1 hour, LeConte Memorial Lodge  
Shuttle bus stop #13 (Sierra Club)  
Earthy Tunes (May 27 only), 1 hour, LeConte Memorial Lodge  
Shuttle bus stop #13 (Sierra Club)
- 8:30 p.m.**  
Evening Program (begins May 13), 1 hour  
Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS/YI) ☞  
Film—Ansel Adams, Photographer, 1 hour  
Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room/Amphitheater (AAG) ☞

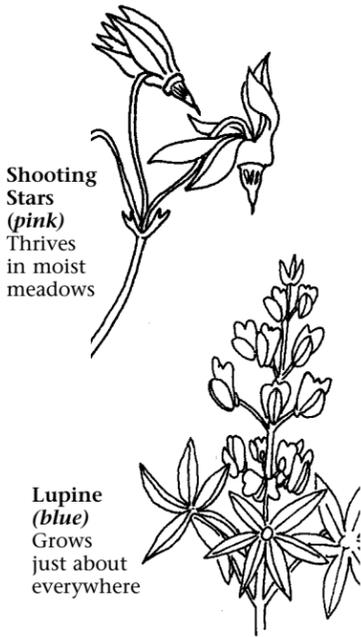
## JUST FOR KIDS

### BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER

Kids ages 8-10: You can become a Yosemite Junior Ranger by purchasing a self-guided booklet published by the Yosemite Association. This booklet is sold for \$3.50 at the Nature Center at Happy Isles, Yosemite Valley and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Centers, and Wawona and Big Oak Flat Information Stations. In order to earn a Junior Ranger patch, the booklet must be completed, a bag of trash collected, and a guided program attended.

### LITTLE CUBS WANTED!

Are you between the ages of 3 and 6? Yosemite has a program for YOU! Little Cubs is a self-guided booklet that encourages our young visitors and their families to discover Yosemite's wonders and to earn a Little Cubs button. This booklet (published by the Yosemite Association) is sold for \$3 in the Nature Center at Happy Isles, Yosemite Valley and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Centers, and Wawona and Big Oak Flat Information Stations.

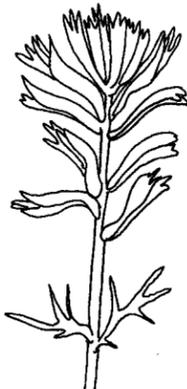


**Shooting Stars (pink)**  
Thrives in moist meadows

**Lupine (blue)**  
Grows just about everywhere



**Pussy Paws (pink)**  
Grows in bare, sandy patches



**Indian Paintbrush (red)**  
Hummingbirds love its tasty nectar

There are hundreds of different kinds of wildflowers in Yosemite. Some look like rockets. Some have faces or paws. How many can you find? Keep a list on this paper or in a journal. Please don't pick them—leave flowers for others to enjoy.

## Become a PART of the FUTURE

Yosemite National Park's vastness is a testament to its diverse employment and volunteer opportunities. To continue the National Park Service's goals of preserving park resources and serving visitors, Yosemite needs employees and volunteers from all walks of life, from all ethnic backgrounds, with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to turn those goals into reality.

To protect park resources and to serve the public, Yosemite employs a permanent and a seasonal workforce of over 700 individuals every year. The variety of paid positions available may surprise you: biologists, criminal investigators, human resource managers, accountants, electricians, historians, and even traditional park rangers. Whatever the job, a rewarding experience with Yosemite National Park and the National Park Service is guaranteed.

Yosemite National Park also has active Volunteers in Parks, Youth Conservation Corps, and Student Conservation Association programs. Participants of these splendid programs come from every state and nearly every country in the world to help preserve and protect America's natural and cultural heritage for the enjoyment of this



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and future generations. Young and old alike give of their time and expertise to assist our paid staff in achieving our national mission.

For specific employment information, or to find out what positions are currently available and how to apply, contact the Human Resources Office in person or phone 209/379-1805. You may also access either the Yosemite National Park web site at [www.nps.gov/yose](http://www.nps.gov/yose) or USAJobs at [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov) for a listing of employment opportunities as they occur.

Selection for employment will be made without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, physical handicap, age, membership or non-membership in an employee organization, personal favoritism, or other non-merit factors.

The National Park Service is



an Equal Opportunity Employer

# ACTIVITIES



## CRANE FLAT/BIG OAK FLAT

### BIG OAK FLAT INFORMATION STATION

March 23 to April 14, open Thursday through Monday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). Open daily beginning April 15. Station is located just inside the park at the Big Oak Flat Entrance Station (Highway 120 West), and offers park orientation material, trail information, wilderness permits, books, and maps. Phone 209/379-1899 ♿

### YOSEMITE'S OTHER SEQUOIA GROVES

#### TUOLUMNE GROVE

The Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West) and the Tioga Road. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove of Big Trees, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. Now closed to cars, this 2-mile (3.2 km) round-trip has an elevation change of 500 feet (150 meters). The downhill walk is relatively easy, though it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return. Once in the Tuolumne Grove, there is an easy half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

#### MERCED GROVE

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, accessible only on foot. It's a 2-mile hike into the grove from the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat or 4.5 miles south of the Big Oak Flat entrance, the trailhead is marked by a post labeled B-10 and a road sign. Allow about 3 hours for the 4-mile round-trip hike to this small group of sequoias (about 20 trees).

## MARIPOSA GROVE

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, located at the southernmost end of Yosemite, is the largest stand of giant sequoias in the park (about 500 trees).

### TO GET TO THE GROVE

Cars are prohibited beyond the parking area in the Grove, but several giant sequoias can be seen from there. Allow 1¼ hours driving time to the Mariposa Grove from Yosemite Valley. Information about handicapped accessibility is available at the tram boarding area. The access road to the Grove may close intermittently due to limited parking and/or snow. Please use the free shuttle service between Wawona and the Mariposa Grove. Trailers and motor homes are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road.

### TRAM SCHEDULE FOR THE MARIPOSA GROVE

When the Mariposa Grove Road opens, trams run every day (weather permitting) in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias for a 1-hour tour through the lower and upper groves. The first tram is at 9:00 a.m. and the last tram is at 5:30 p.m., running every 15 to 20 minutes from the boarding area. \$8.50/adults, \$7.75/seniors (62 or older), \$4.50/children (5-12), \$25 maximum for families (parents and their children under 16). Children under 5 ride free.

### FREE MARIPOSA GROVE/WAWONA SHUTTLE BUS

Beginning weekends only on April 21, the free shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. (weather permitting). Daily service is scheduled to begin May 5. Due to narrow roads and very limited parking, visitors are strongly encouraged to use this free bus service to help alleviate congestion and lengthy parking delays. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the shuttle bus.

### WALKING

The trailhead for walking up through the Grove is located at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the Grizzly Giant provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead (Spanish, German, French, Japanese).

### DISTANCE & ELEVATION

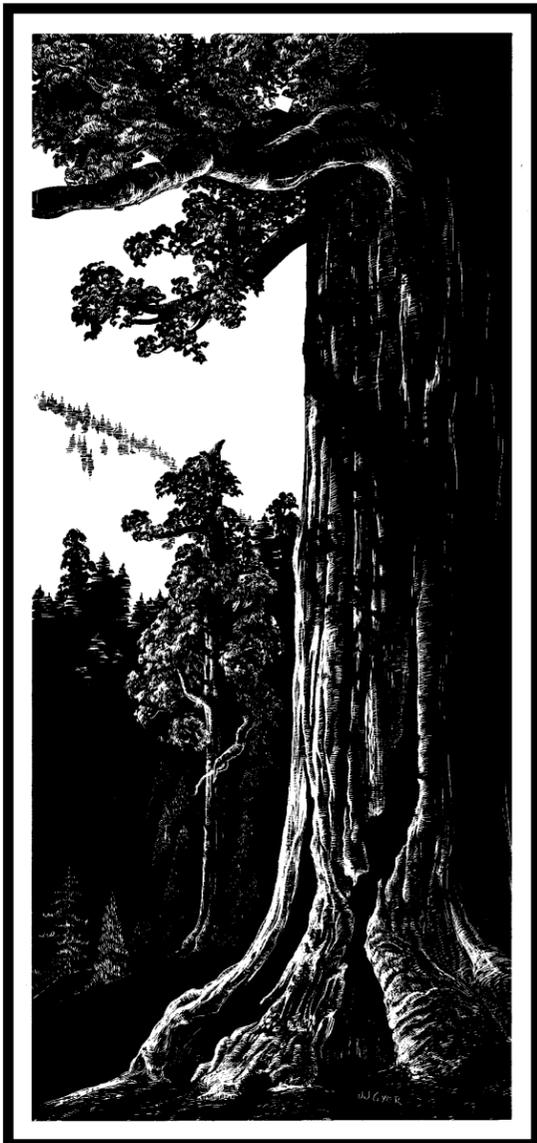
Destination	Distance from Trailhead	Elevation Gain
Grizzly Giant	0.8 mile/1.3 km	400 feet/122 m
Grove Museum	2.1 miles/3.5 km	800 feet/292 m
Fallen Tunnel Tree	2.5 miles/4.0 km	1,000 feet/305 m
Wawona Point	3.0 miles/4.8 km	1,200 feet/438 m

### MARIPOSA GROVE MUSEUM

Learn about the history of the Grove in this small, historic log cabin. Opens for the season May 11, daily 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch).

### PHOTO WALK

Join a photographer from Yosemite Concession Services for a *Mariposa Big Trees Photo Walk* (begins May 25). This 2-hour walk meets 2:00 p.m. daily at the front of the Mariposa Grove Gift Shop.



Etching by Jane Gyer

Giant Sequoia *Sequoiadendron giganteum*

## WAWONA

### WAWONA INFORMATION STATION AT HILL'S STUDIO

Opens for the season May 12, daily 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). Offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill. Phone 209/375-9501 ♿

### EVENING PROGRAM

Tom Bopp, pianist/singer at the Wawona Hotel since 1983, performs Tuesday through Saturday nights from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the lobby, often including songs and stories from Yosemite's past. Tom also offers presentations with slides, historic Yosemite music, or Wawona history on some Thursday and Saturday nights. Schedule subject to change; inquire at hotel front desk.

### PIONEER YOSEMITE HISTORY CENTER

Take this 30-minute self-guiding tour and learn about the people, events, and issues of Yosemite's early years. From April 26 through May 24, Monday through Thursday, come see school groups participating in an environmental living program, bringing the past to life. You are welcome to ask questions of these costumed participants. Watch the stage-coach, walk across a covered bridge, and visit historic buildings out of Yosemite's past. The Center is always open, and explanatory signs and brochures are available.



Photo by John Hawksworth

The Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona brings the past to life!

# HELP YOUR PARK



## YOSEMITE ASSOCIATION

### JOIN THE YOSEMITE ASSOCIATION

The Yosemite Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the support of Yosemite National Park through a program of visitor services, publications, and membership activities. For over 70 years, the association has provided important financial support to the National Park Service, and has made possible the funding of many projects and purchases otherwise not affordable through normal government appropriations.

#### The Yosemite Association:

- Provides over \$300,000 annually to the National Park Service for its use in visitor information, educational, and interpretive programs
- Publishes popular and award-winning books on Yosemite and operates bookstores in the park
- Provides member-volunteers to work on meadows, trails, and other much-needed park restoration projects
- Organizes over 60 outdoor classes and field seminars on natural history, Native American lifeways, art, and photography
- Sponsors the Ostrander Ski Hut, Yosemite Theater, Art Activity Center, and other valuable programs

Anyone who loves Yosemite and wishes to become more closely involved and affiliated with the park is encouraged to become a member of the Yosemite Association. Sign up for a membership through this *Yosemite Guide* and receive as a free gift (*The Complete Guidebook to Yosemite National Park*). This book is informative and useful, lively and humorous, and earned the "Best National Park Guidebook" award from the National Park Service.

#### As a member, you will:

- Enjoy a 15% discount at Yosemite Association shops on all books, maps, and publications, as well as qualify for a discount on most field seminars
- Receive a 10% discount on purchases at The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Valley
- Have an opportunity to volunteer in Yosemite and attend special members' events
- Receive the quarterly journal, *Yosemite*, which features informative articles on both the natural and human history of the park
- Have the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting significant projects in Yosemite National Park



Cinematographers capture footage for the new visitor orientation film, *Spirit of Yosemite*, made possible through donations to The Yosemite Fund.



## THE YOSEMITE FUND

### PROVIDING FOR YOSEMITE'S FUTURE

Just how vast and extraordinary is Yosemite? Many visitors leave before getting a chance to find out. Now you can obtain a sense of the whole Yosemite—from the upper reaches of a giant sequoia tree to the beautiful backcountry to dramatic aerial views of the park—through a new visitor orientation film, *Spirit of Yosemite*.

This stunning 35mm Surround Sound film was directed by Oscar-nominated David Vassar, a former Yosemite ranger. The film replaces an outdated slide show and includes magnificent scenery, outstanding sound, and information about Yosemite's formation and natural/cultural history. Visit the newly remodeled Valley Visitor Center theatre this spring to experience *Spirit of Yosemite*.

The new visitor film and much of the remodeled theatre are just two of many projects supported by The Yosemite Fund, a non-profit organization that raises money from Yosemite enthusiasts to protect and restore the Park and enhance the visitor's experience. Now in its 13th year, the Fund has distributed over \$13 million for more than 150 projects. Thanks to gifts from dedicated "Friends of Yosemite," the Fund has helped:

- Install 2,000 bear-proof food lockers throughout Yosemite
- Rehabilitate Cook's Meadow in the heart of Yosemite Valley
- Rebuild numerous sections of Yosemite's 800+ miles of trail

This year, we hope to sponsor many more projects, including wilderness restoration, additional trail reconstruction, and educating school children about Yosemite and natural resource protection.

You can help by becoming a Friend of Yosemite through a donation to the Fund. All donors of \$25 or more receive:

- The 15-page full-color Yosemite Postcard Book, or other gift described below
- The Fund's biannual full-color journal, *Approach*, featuring articles on the park and information about how your donation is helping Yosemite
- Acknowledgement at the Friends of Yosemite Honor Wall at the Valley Visitor Center

Please fill out the coupon below and become a Friend of Yosemite today.

## PLEASE ENROLL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE YOSEMITE ASSOCIATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$30    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining \$250                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joint/Family \$35  | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$500                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting \$50    | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$1,000                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> International \$40<br>(for members outside the U.S.) |

Yes, please send *The Complete Guidebook to Yosemite National Park*

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or charge to

Credit card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_



P.O. Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318  
209/379-2646  
www.yosemite.org

## YES, I WANT TO JOIN THE FRIENDS OF YOSEMITE WHO PROVIDE FOR YOSEMITE'S FUTURE!

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift:

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check or money order, or charge to my VISA/MasterCard/AmEx

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Friends of Yosemite receive the full-color *Yosemite Postcard Book* (with a \$25 gift), beautiful Yosemite note cards (\$50), or the photo book, *Cycle of the Seasons* (\$100+).

John Muir Heritage Society members, giving \$1,000 or more, receive invitations to events at Yosemite, a park entrance pass, and other Society benefits.



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Providing for Yosemite's Future

THE YOSEMITE FUND  
P.O. Box 637  
Yosemite, CA 95389  
800/4MY-PARK  
www.yosemitefund.org

# FACILITIES & SERVICES

MARCH 13 – JUNE 18, 2001  
ALL SERVICES AND HOURS OF OPERATION ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## EMERGENCY 911

**Fire – Police – Medical  
Emergency: Dial 911,  
24 hours a day  
(from hotel room 9-911)**

## MEDICAL

### Yosemite Medical Clinic

Emergency care: 24 hours daily

**Drop-in and Urgent Care:**  
Daily 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Scheduled appointments:**  
Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Located on Ahwahnee Drive in Yosemite Valley, the clinic provides routine and emergency medical care for park employees, residents, and visitors. Experienced nursing staff, emergency physicians, nurse practitioner, and support staff on duty. Services include a limited pharmacy, lab, x-ray, and physical therapy. 209/372-4637

**Paramedic/Ambulance Service:**  
24 hours daily

### Dental Services

Adjacent to Medical Clinic. For hours, call 209/372-4200. If no answer, call 209/372-4637.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

For advanced reservations or information (rooms or activities), call 559/252-4848 ([www.yosemitenpark.com](http://www.yosemitenpark.com))

## ATM

### Yosemite Village

BANK OF AMERICA ATM  
(south of Village Store)

HERITAGE OAKS BANK ATM  
(inside Village Store)

### Yosemite Lodge

HERITAGE OAKS BANK ATM  
(inside main registration area)

### Curry Village

HERITAGE OAKS BANK ATM  
(inside gift shop)

### El Portal

COUNTY BANK ATM  
(on Hwy. 140 at Yosemite View Lodge)

### Wawona

HERITAGE OAKS BANK ATM  
(inside Wawona Store)

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

### Yosemite Association

Outdoor seminars, some for college credit. P.O. Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318 209/379-2321 [yosemite.org](http://yosemite.org)

### Yosemite Institute

Non-profit environmental education organization. Week-long, field-based sessions for school groups, teachers, and other groups. P.O. Box 487, Yosemite, CA 95389. 209/379-9511 [www.yni.org/yi](http://www.yni.org/yi)

### NPS Education Branch

Ranger-guided programs, resource information, teacher workshops. Wawona Ranger Station, P.O. Box 2027, Wawona, CA 95389 209/375-9505. For entrance waivers for educational groups, call 209/372-0206 [www.nps.gov/yose/teach.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/teach.htm)

## FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE

Hours of operation are approximate. Current dining hours are posted at each front desk or facility.

### Food Service Price Key:

\$ = entrees under \$7  
\$\$ = \$7-\$14 entrees  
\$\$\$ = \$15-\$20 entrees  
\$\$\$\$ = more than \$20 entrees

### Yosemite Village

Breakfast – 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Lunch/Dinner – 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Meals served daily in one or more of the locations below:

**DEGNAN'S**  
DEGNAN'S DELICATESSEN  
Sandwiches, snacks, soups, and salads \$  
DEGNAN'S FAST FOOD & ICE CREAM \$

### THE VILLAGE GRILL

(Opens May 18)  
Hamburgers, chicken strips, shakes, and soft drinks \$

### THE LOFT

(Opens late spring)  
Pizza, salad, appetizers \$

### Yosemite Lodge

Breakfast – 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
Lunch – 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Dinner – 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
Meals served daily in one or more of the locations below:

### FOOD COURT

(Grand opening in April)  
Pizza, pasta, burgers, salads, daily specials, bakery, desserts, wine and beer service \$-\$

### GARDEN TERRACE SALAD BUFFET

Buffet-style breakfast, lunch, dinner featuring soups, pasta, and dinner carvery service (lunch service available during Food Court remodel) \$-\$

### THE MOUNTAIN ROOM

Spectacular views of Yosemite Falls featuring fresh salmon, pasta, and steak \$-\$\$\$\$  
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

### THE MOUNTAIN ROOM BAR & LOUNGE

A la carte continental breakfast, and lunch, featuring gourmet coffee, sandwiches, salads, cold appetizer plates, yogurt \$-\$  
Hours through April 23: 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. weekdays, 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. weekends  
Hours April 24 to June 18: 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. weekdays, Noon to 10:00 p.m. weekends

### POOL REFRESHMENT STAND

(Opens Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting) \$  
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### The Ahwahnee

An elegant dining experience in one of America's premier dining rooms

### DINING ROOM

Breakfast – 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. \$-\$  
Sunday Brunch – 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. \$\$\$  
Lunch – 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. \$-\$-\$  
Dinner – 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. \$\$\$\$  
Dinner reservations suggested, call 209/372-1489

### AHWAHNEE BAR

Light dining and classic cocktails \$-\$-\$  
Noon to 10:00 p.m.

### Curry Village

Over 100 years of family dining experiences. Meals served daily in one or more of the locations below:

### COFFEE CORNER

Freshly ground coffees, espressos, lattes, cappuccinos, fruit, baked goods, boxed lunches \$

### PAVILION BUFFET

(Opens April 13)  
Breakfast: yogurt, cereal, fruit, baked goods, and hot entrees  
7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Dinner: soup, salad, pasta, hot entrees, stir-fry, taco bar, dessert \$-\$  
4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### HAMBURGER STAND

(Opens May 12)  
Hamburgers and chicken, fish sandwiches, chicken nuggets, salad, soft drinks \$

### PIZZA & BAR

Enjoy pizza and salad under the stars \$-\$  
4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. weekdays  
Noon to 10:00 p.m. weekends

### ICE CREAM

(Opens April 13)  
Cool off with a refreshing treat (located inside Pavilion at the Coffee Corner) \$

### Happy Isles

### SNACK STAND

(Opens May 19)  
Rewarding refreshments after a long hike. Soda, ice cream, bottled water \$  
11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Tuolumne Meadows

### GRILL

(Opens June 9, weather permitting)  
A quick breakfast, lunch, and dinner before or after exploring \$  
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### TUOLUMNE MEADOWS LODGE

(Opens at dinner June 15, weather permitting)  
Rustic dining adjacent to the Tuolumne River. A la carte breakfast menu. Dinner entrees include steak, seafood, pasta, and chicken

Breakfast – 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. \$-\$  
Dinner – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. \$-\$-\$  
Meals are served family style and dinner reservations advised, call 209/372-8413

### White Wolf Lodge

(Opens June 22, weather permitting)  
A cozy dining room and porch with simple, tasty fare

Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. \$-\$  
Dinner – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. \$-\$-\$  
Dinner reservations advised, call 209/372-8416

### Wawona Hotel

(Opens March 15)  
Victorian architecture and warm sunset views

Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. \$-\$  
Sunday Brunch – 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$-\$

Lunch – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$-\$  
Dinner – 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. \$-\$-\$  
Dinner reservations advised for 10 or more, 209/375-1425

Beverage Service – 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Saturday BBQ on Lawn – 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (begins May 19) \$-\$

### Glacier Point

### SNACK STAND

(Opens with Glacier Point Road, conditions permitting)  
Comfortable facility serves snacks to ease hunger after a hike or drive to the Point. Spectacular sunset views \$  
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Badger Pass

(Closes April 8)

### FOOD SERVICE AREA

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$

### SNOWFLAKE ROOM

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Cocktails available \$

## GAS STATIONS

### CRANE FLAT

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Diesel available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

### TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

(Opens with Tioga Road)  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

### WAWONA

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Diesel & propane, minor repairs available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

### Auto Service, Towing, and Repair (AAA)

### VILLAGE GARAGE

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village at the garage. Full-service vehicle maintenance. Towing 24 hours. Emergency gasoline & propane available 209/372-8390

## GIFTS, BOOKS, & APPAREL

### Yosemite Village

### THE ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through April 8; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning April 9. Books, original photographs, cards, Native American crafts, photography supplies, camera rentals, and more. 209/372-4413 [www.anseladams.com](http://www.anseladams.com)

### YOSEMITE BOOKSTORE

Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through May 31; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning June 1. Located at the Valley Visitor Center. Books, maps, posters, and information

### YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

(Opens March 30)  
Open daily 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until May 26; 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. after May 27  
Books, traditional Indian arts and crafts 209/372-0295

### VILLAGE STORE

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. until May 27; 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. beginning May 28  
Features signature Yosemite apparel, books, glassware, and postcards

### HABITAT YOSEMITE

(Weekends only April 14 to May 27)  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Degnan's building. Interpretive gifts and souvenirs inspired by nature

### SPORT SHOP

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fishing rods, tackle and gear, camping supplies, bear canisters, and fishing licenses

### ART ACTIVITY CENTER

(Opens April 16)  
9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village, south of Village Store. Free art classes daily. Books, art supplies, and fine local art

### WILDERNESS CENTER

Beginning April 13, open Friday, Saturday, Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; opens daily beginning May 18. Guidebooks, maps, wilderness permits, bear canisters, and trip-planning displays

### Nature Center at Happy Isles

(Opens May 18)  
10:00 a.m. to noon, 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Family-oriented bookstore

### Yosemite Lodge

### GIFT/APPAREL SHOP

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Features Yosemite Falls apparel and gifts, books, souvenirs, and convenience items

### NATURE SHOP

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Unique sculptures of the natural world, distinctive apparel, music, and videos

### The Ahwahnee

### GIFT SHOP

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Features signature Ahwahnee apparel, china, jewelry, and Native American crafts

### SWEET SHOP

7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Magazines, newspapers, distinctive candies, cookies, and sundry items

### Curry Village

### MOUNTAIN SHOP

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through May 27; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning May 28  
A full range of hiking gear, tents, shoes, bear canisters, sunglasses, apparel, and climbing supplies

### GIFT/GROCERY

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Snacks, souvenirs, film, and limited groceries

### Tuolumne Meadows

(Facilities open with Tioga Road)

### GROCERY STORE

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuolumne-specific apparel, last-minute food supplies for backpacking and high country picnics

### MOUNTAIN SCHOOL SPORT SHOP

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Maps, bear canisters, dehydrated food, and backpacking supplies 209/372-8435

### TUOLUMNE MEADOWS BOOKSTORE

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

### Wawona

### WAWONA HOTEL GOLF SHOP

(Opens in early April, weather and conditions permitting)  
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Signature Wawona apparel, snacks, and golf supplies

### PIONEER GIFT AND GROCERY STORE

(Opens March 21)  
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Assortment of exclusive Wawona gifts, essential supplies, ice cream, snacks, books, cards, and bear canisters

### PIONEER YOSEMITE HISTORY CENTER BOOKSTORE

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch)  
Books, maps, and information

### Crane Flat

### GROCERY STORE

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Camping supplies, snacks, and bear canisters

### Mariposa Grove

### GIFT SHOP

(Opens with Mariposa Grove Road)  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cards, bottled water, snacks, and memorabilia from the Big Trees

### MUSEUM SHOP

(Opens May 11)  
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch)

### Glacier Point

### GIFT SHOP

(Opens with Glacier Point Road)  
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Star charts, apparel, books, and souvenirs

# FACILITIES & SERVICES

MARCH 13 – JUNE 18, 2001  
ALL SERVICES AND HOURS OF OPERATION ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## GROCERIES

### VILLAGE STORE

Full service grocery store  
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. until May 27;  
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. beginning May 28

### DEGNAN'S DELICATESSEN

Convenience items available  
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

(Opens April 13)  
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. until May 27;  
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. beginning May 28

### CURRY VILLAGE STORE

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### YOSEMITE LODGE GIFT SHOP

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### WAWONA STORE

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### CRANE FLAT STORE

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### TUOLUMNE MEADOWS STORE

(Opens with Tioga Road)  
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### EL PORTAL MARKET

9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## LOST AND FOUND

To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite's restaurants, hotels, lounges, shuttle buses, or tour services, call Yosemite Concession Services at 209/372-4357, or write YCS Lost & Found, P.O. Box 578, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389.

For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call the National Park Service at 209/379-1001, or write to NPS Warehouse, 5083 Foresta Road, B-759, El Portal, CA 95318.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Babysitting

Limited babysitting available for registered guests at Yosemite Lodge and the Ahwahnee. Call front desk or concierge for additional information.

### Kennel

(Opens early spring, weather permitting)  
Located at the stable in Yosemite Valley.  
Dogs must be gentle, over 10 pounds, with proof of shots and license required.  
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8348

### Employment Opportunities

Would you like to be part of Yosemite's future? Employment opportunities exist at Yosemite National Park with the National Park Service, Volunteers in Parks, and Yosemite Concession Services Corporation.

### YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

For vacancy information on the web:  
[www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov)

Employment hotline:  
209/372-0200-6-1-1  
(for permanent positions)  
209/372-0200-6-1-2  
(for seasonal positions)

To contact the Yosemite National Park Human Resource Office, call 209/379-1805 or write: Yosemite National Park, Human Resource Office, P.O. Box 700, El Portal, CA 95318

### VOLUNTEERS IN PARKS

Individuals and groups interested in community service projects in Yosemite can call the Volunteer Program Manager at 209/379-1850. Free camping is provided and entrance fees are waived during your work project.

### YOSEMITE CONCESSION SERVICES

Contact Yosemite Concession Services Corporation at the General Offices in Yosemite Village or call 209/372-1236.

## POST OFFICES

### Main Post Office (Yosemite Village)

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to Noon

### Yosemite Lodge Post Office

Monday – Friday 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.;  
beginning April 16 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
(closed for lunch)

### Curry Village Post Office

(Opens May 31)  
Monday – Friday 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Wawona Post Office

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### Tuolumne Meadows Post Office

(Opens after Tioga Road; check locally for hours)

### El Portal Post Office

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,  
1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## RECREATION

**Recreational activities are weather sensitive and will be available as weather and/or road conditions permit.**

### YOSEMITE LODGE TOUR DESK

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-1240

### SIGHTSEEING TOURS

Two-hour open-air tram or bus tours depart daily from lodging facilities in Yosemite Valley. Inquire at tour/information desks.

### BINOCULAR RENTAL

Available for \$3 per day (\$2 at Glacier Point) with a deposit at Yosemite Valley retail outlets, Glacier Point Gift Shop, and transportation kiosks.

### BEAR CANISTER RENTAL

Available for \$3 per trip at the Wilderness Center, Yosemite Valley Sports Shop, Curry Village Mountain Shop, Big Oak Flat Information Station, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Store, Wawona Information Station, Tuolumne Meadows Sport Shop, Tuolumne Meadows Store, and Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station. Canisters may be rented or returned at any rental location in the park.

### MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL

Yosemite Mountaineering School offers lessons and guided climbing at all levels, overnight backpacking, skiing adventures, and guided day hikes to spectacular areas of Yosemite.

#### CURRY VILLAGE

(Opens late spring)  
8:30 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
209/372-8344  
Located in the Mountain Shop

#### TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

(Opens early summer)  
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
209/372-8435  
Located at the gas station

### BIKE RENTALS

Bike stands are typically open daily with hourly and all-day rates. Baby-joggers, wheelchairs, and six-speed bikes with trailers for towing small children are available.  
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning April 28

#### YOSEMITE LODGE

209/372-1208

#### CURRY VILLAGE (Opens late spring)

209/372-8319

### STABLES

Two-hour, half-day, and all-day rides depart daily. Private pack trips into Yosemite's spectacular backcountry may also be arranged. Book rides at tour desks or stables.  
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### YOSEMITE VALLEY (Opens April 21)

209/372-8348

#### TUOLUMNE MEADOWS (Opens June 16)

209/372-8427

#### WAWONA (Opens April 21)

209/375-6502

### SWIMMING POOLS AT YOSEMITE LODGE AND CURRY VILLAGE

(Open Memorial Day weekend, see front desk for hours)

### RAFTING

Rafting may be available in spring at Curry Village Raft Stand, located at the ice rink (shuttle bus stops #14 & 22).

## RECYCLING

### Village Store Recycling Center

Open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Bottles and cans may also be returned to place of purchase or park gas stations.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### Church of Christ

Inquiries, directions, other services, contact Ron Skelton. 209/379-2307

### EL PORTAL CHAPEL

Worship Service: Sunday 9:00 a.m.

### Yosemite Community Church (Protestant Nondenominational)

Pastor Brent Moore 209/372-4831  
Rev. John K. Paris available for weddings and counseling. Call number above.

### YOSEMITE VALLEY CHAPEL (year-round)

Worship Service  
Sunday 9:15 a.m., Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday 11:00 a.m. (begins May 27)

### Children's Church

Sunday 9:15 a.m.

### Other Worship Service

Sunday 9:00 a.m. at Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater\* (begins May 27)

### Special Holiday Services

April 12, 7:00 p.m. Maundy-Thursdays  
Communion Service at Chapel

April 13, 12:15-1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service at Chapel

April 15, 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater

April 15, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Easter Services at Chapel

May 6, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Marriage Renewal Services at Chapel

### Bible Studies

Call for location  
Thursday 7:00 a.m. (Prayer Group)

\*Affiliated with "A Christian Ministry in the National Parks"

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Doug Warcup 209/722-7623  
Jerry Calister 209/723-4736

### Yosemite Valley Sacrament Service

1:00 p.m. daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day at Yosemite Chapel

### Roman Catholic

Rev. Dennis Alvernaz, Resident Pastor  
209/372-4729

### Mass in Yosemite Valley (until May 20)

Sunday 10:00 a.m.,  
Visitor Center Auditorium

### Mass in Yosemite Valley (after May 20)

Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m.,  
Visitor Center Auditorium  
Thursday, Friday 4:00 p.m., Yosemite Chapel

### Mass in Wawona (after May 20)

Saturday 4:00 p.m., Old School House

### Special Events in Yosemite Valley

Mass: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m., Visitor Center Auditorium

### Seventh-day Adventist

Director Don Crisp 559/658-8361

Yosemite Valley (Memorial Day through Labor Day) at Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (near shuttle bus stop #20)

Sabbath School: Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service: Saturday 11:00 a.m.

### Yosemite Christian Ministries\*\*

Pastor Steve Hughes 209/379-2428  
For information on weddings, call number above.

### Worship Service (begins May 30)

Sunday 7:00 p.m., Yosemite Chapel

### Worship Walk (begins May 30)

Sunday 9:00 a.m., Happy Isles, starts at shuttle bus #17

### Solid Rock/Climbers for Christ

Call Pastor for location, times, and additional information.

### El Portal Community Church\*\*

Pastor Russ Marsh 209/379-2255  
Assoc. Pastor Steve Hughes 209/379-2428

### Worship Service: Saturday 7:30 p.m.,

El Portal Chapel (first and third weekends)

Sunday 10:30 a.m., El Portal Chapel (second, fourth, fifth weekends)

For information on Bible studies, weddings, children's and youth activities, call number above or email [Rmarsh@inreach.com](mailto:Rmarsh@inreach.com)

### Wawona Christian Fellowship

Pastor David Adamcik 209/966-3039

### WAWONA COMMUNITY CENTER

Worship Service: Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study: Wednesday 1:00 p.m.

\*\* Associated with the California Southern Baptist Convention

## SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

### Alanon

YOSEMITE VALLEY: Wednesday 7:00 p.m.,  
YCS General Office Building (Employee Training Center) Yosemite Village

### Alcoholics Anonymous

YOSEMITE VALLEY: Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday 7:30 p.m., YCS General Office Building (Employee Training Center), Yosemite Village

### Narcotics Anonymous

YOSEMITE VALLEY: Saturday 7:30 p.m., YCS General Office Building (Employee Training Center), Yosemite Village

### Lions Club

Meets first and third Thursday of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209/372-4475 for information.

### Rotary International

Meets Thursdays for lunch at noon in the Ahwahnee Mural Room. Visiting Rotarian families and guests welcome. For reservation or information, call 209/372-1016.

## SERVICES FOR DISABLED

An accessibility brochure is available at park entrance stations and visitor centers.

Wheelchair rental available at Yosemite Medical Clinic, 209/372-4637, and the Yosemite Lodge bike stand, 209/372-1208.

## SHOWERS & LAUNDROMAT

### SHOWERS

CURRY VILLAGE

24 hours

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP (opens April 13)

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### LAUNDROMAT

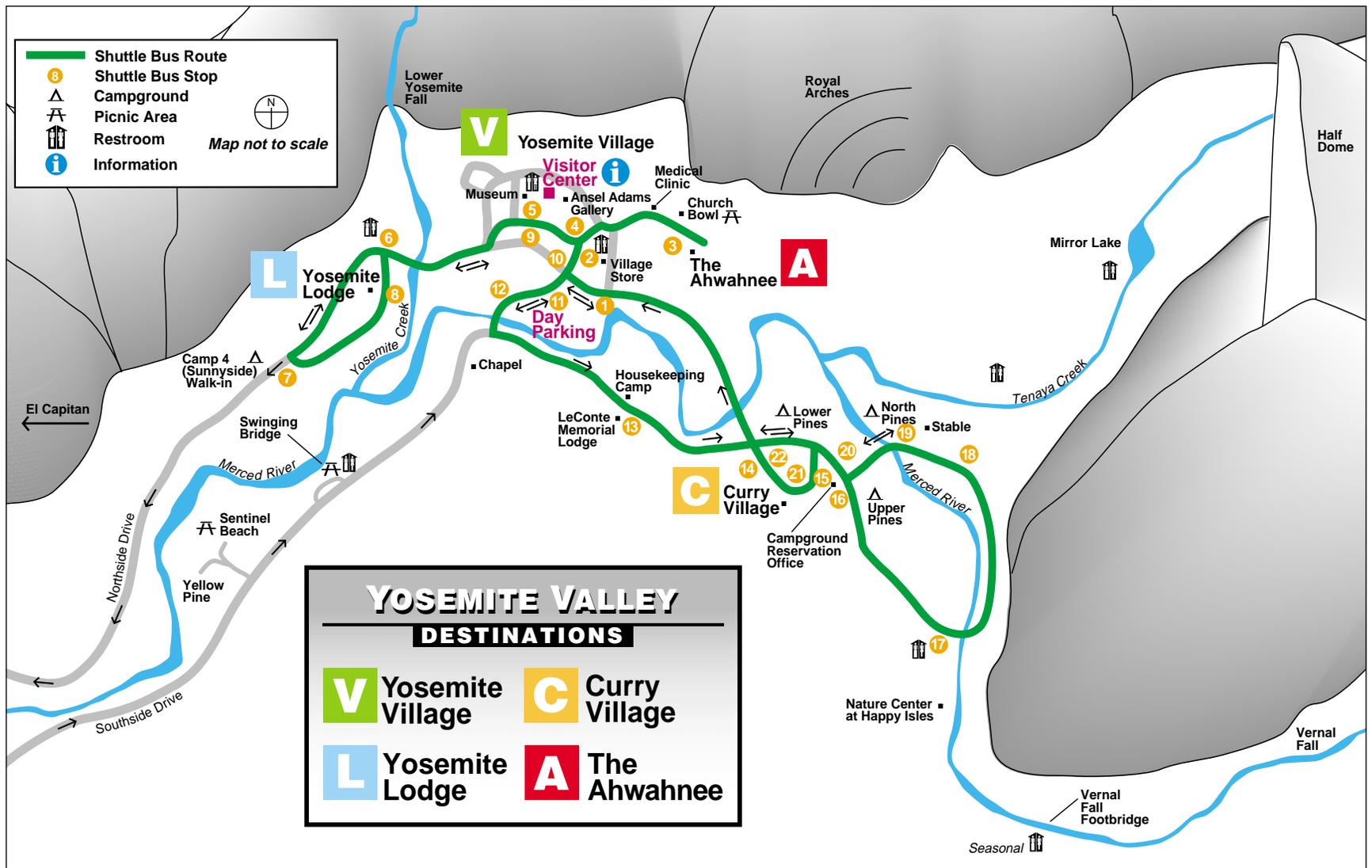
HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

## SOME THINGS JUST DON'T BELONG IN A DRAIN

Help keep the strain off the park's sensitive sewer system. For more information, contact NPS utilities at 209/379-1077.





## RIDE THE FREE YOSEMITE VALLEY SHUTTLE BUS



**Schedules and routes may vary.**  
Shuttle buses operate daily at 15 to 20 minute intervals. All buses follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order.

### SCHEDULE:

March 13 – June 18  
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

- 1 Yosemite Village/Day Parking
- 2 Yosemite Village
- 3 The Ahwahnee
- 4 Degnan's Deli
- 5 Visitor Center
- 6 Yosemite Falls  
*(Service ends at 7:30 p.m.)*
- 7 Yosemite Lodge/Camp 4
- 8 Yosemite Lodge

- 9 Visitor Center
- 10 Yosemite Village
- 11 Yosemite Village/Day Parking
- 12 Sentinel Bridge/  
Yosemite Chapel Parking
- 13 Housekeeping Camp/  
LeConte Memorial Lodge
- 14 Ice Rink/Bike & Raft Rental
- 15 Curry Village

- 16 Upper Pines Campground
  - 17 Happy Isles\*
  - 18 Mirror Lake\*
  - 19 Stable\*
  - 20 Pines Campgrounds
  - 21 Curry Village
  - 22 Ice Rink/Bike & Raft Rental
- \* Service begins April 6